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Invoking, surprisingly enough, the Versailles Treaty, Germany has forwarded through neutral channels a protest to the British, French, Australian, New Zealand and South African Governments, denying them rights of sovereignty over territories they hold under the mandates system!—Havas.

MOSCOW MOVE IN ANKARA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Bern, To-day.
The "Basler National Zeitung" reports that the Soviet Ambassador to Turkey, M. Alexis Terentieff, has made fresh approaches in Ankara requesting Turkey to resume the diplomatic parleys with Moscow.

Well-informed quarters state that the Turkish Foreign Minister, M. Sarajoglu, did not give a positive answer but seized the occasion to protest against the broadcasting by a Russian station of propaganda aimed to create trouble among the Moslems and excite the Arabs against the Turks.—Havas.

SCORES DIE IN SOVIET RAIL CRASH

LONDON, TO-DAY.
A SERIOUS CRASH ON THE MURMANSK-LENINGRAD RAILWAY, IN WHICH SCORES OF TROOPS WERE KILLED AND INJURED, IS REPORTED BY THE STOCKHOLM CORRESPONDENT OF THE "DAILY TELEGRAPH."

The crash is believed to have been due to the activities along certain sections of the line by Finnish guerrillas.

The engine rolled down a steep embankment carrying the whole train with it. — Reuter.

SWEDISH STEAMER TORPEDOED

London, To-day.
The Swedish steamer, "Sten" of 2,750 tons, was torpedoed off the coast of Scotland by a U-boat yesterday. Eleven survivors have been picked up. — Reuter.

Helsinki, To-day.
AFTER THE BREAKDOWN of a series of violent attacks, in which losses in the Red Army have been severe, a period of comparative calm settled on the Mannerheim Line front yesterday.

The respite is believed to be the lull before the most desperate Soviet effort of the war, for reliable reports indicate that the Red Army, now commanded by General Stern, is being brought up to a strength of half a million men in the Karelian Isthmus.

Reserves are reported to be pouring into the area for an attack on the Mannerheim Line and are being moved into position for attack as rapidly as they arrive.

According to reports from Leningrad, the order is for a smash-through the main defences of the Mannerheim Line regardless of cost.

The brunt of the attack is expected to be borne by the Finnish defenders on the southern end of the Mannerheim Line, which has been pounded for days by Soviet heavy guns.

ATTACKS REPULSED

There were several attacks at various points along the line in the morning, all of which were repulsed with great loss.

Abo, Hango and Viborg were heavily bombed from the air during the day. — Reuter.

FRENCH DESTROYER RESCUE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Dakar (Senegal), To-day.

A French destroyer yesterday landed survivors of the Spanish steamer Cabo San Antonio, which caught fire at sea.

Among those rescued was the Chief of the Spanish General Staff.—Havas.

WEATHER FORECAST: North-East wind, light to moderate.

SOVIET DENY RUMOURS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

Soviet circles here deny rumours that the Russian Ambassador, M. Ivan Maisky, is leaving London in the near future as a sequel to the departure from Moscow of the British Ambassador, Sir William Seeds.—Havas.

SOVIET PRESSURE IN ESTONIA

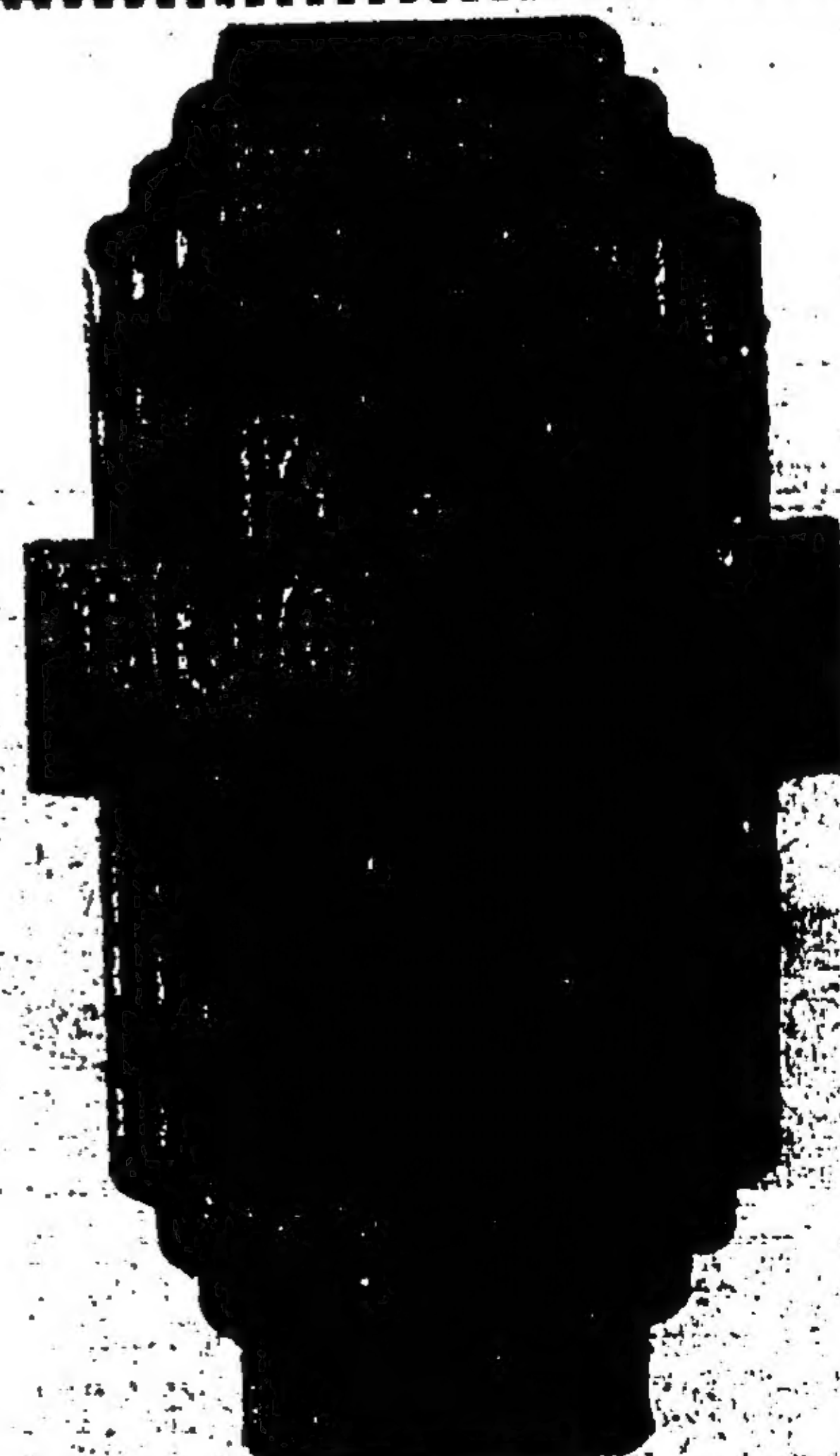
(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Helsinki, To-day.

Soviet - Estonian relations are worsening, the "Svenska Pressen," organ of the Swedish minority in Finland, reports.

Despite Stalin's assurances that Moscow does not want to draw Estonia into the Finnish conflict, and is not contemplating the sovietisation of the Baltic State, Tallinn is more than apprehensive regarding the Soviet's attitude.

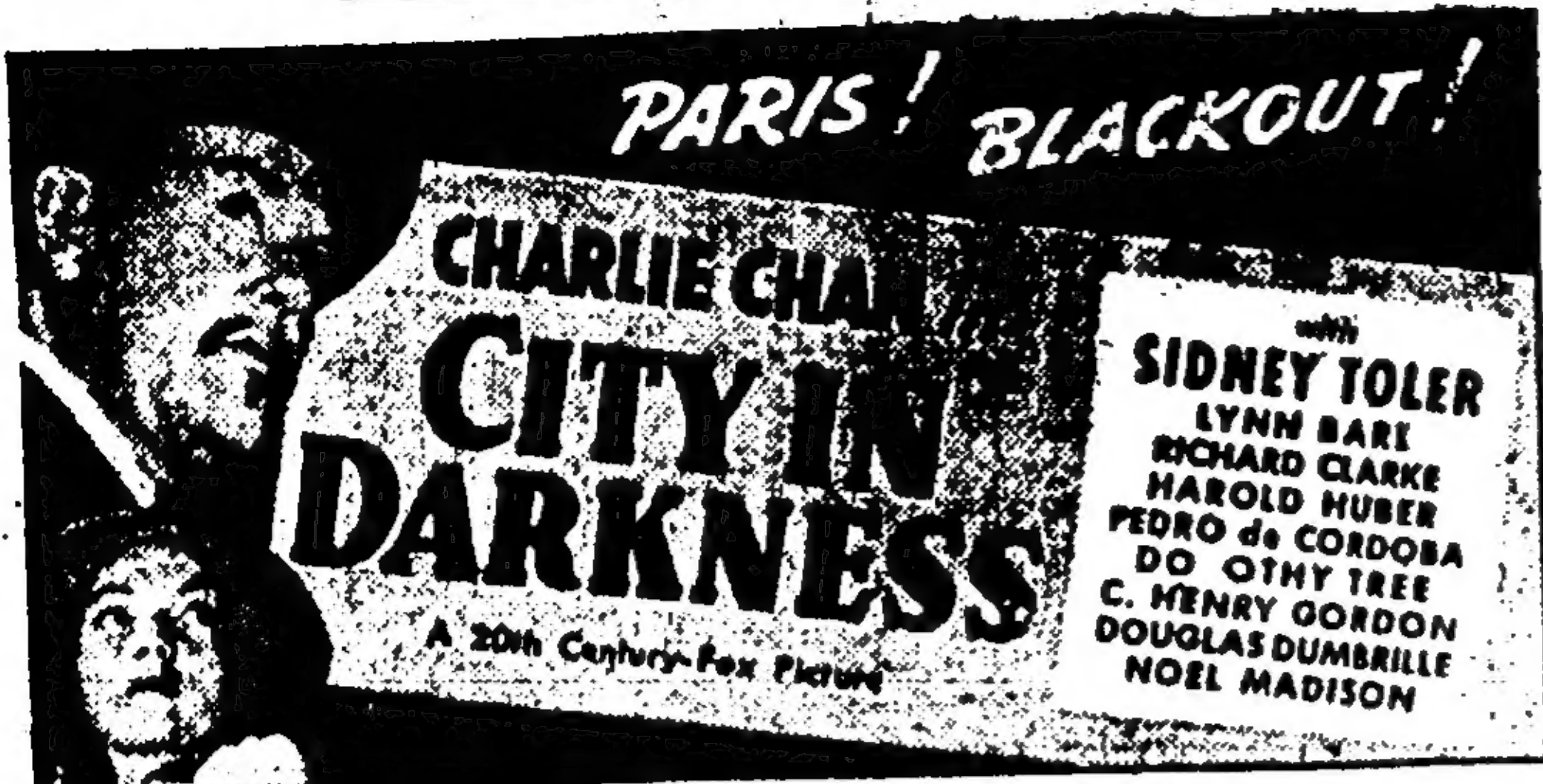
Estonians fear the Soviet may create incidents which would be used as a pretext for urging Estonia to intervene against Finland, thus giving Russia an excuse to overstep the bounds of the military bases they now occupy in Estonia and sovietise and annex the whole country.—Havas.



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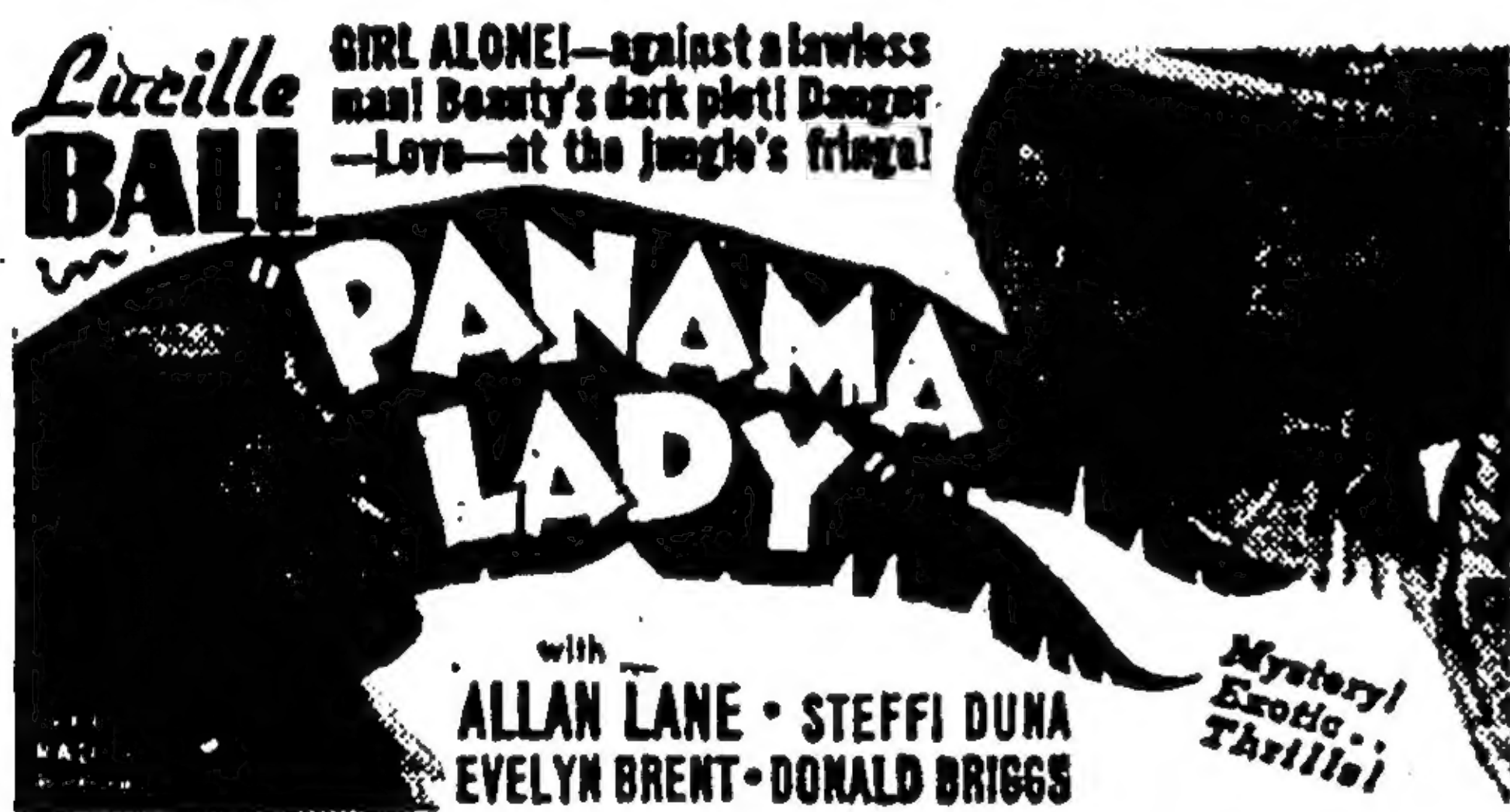
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**FRESH QUAKE
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Ankara, To-day.

FRESH TREMORS WERE FELT in southern Anatolia yesterday, and several hundreds of buildings collapsed and many more people have been rendered homeless. Fortunately, the death-roll is believed to have been small. This was because the quakes came in the day-time and people had time to rush out of their houses before the buildings fell in and collapsed.

The floods persist and the River Euphrates is causing great damage, whole villages being swept away. Its waters are still rising.

President Inenue is completing preparations for a tour of the entire devastated area.—Reuter.

**BRITISH OFFER TO
TURKEY**

London, To-day.

The British Government has offered to put a hospital ship at the disposal of the Turkish Government.

The latter have replied expressing their gratitude and stating they will accept the offer should the need arise.—Reuter.

**NINE VILLAGES
DESTROYED**

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Istanbul, To-day.

Nine villages in the earthquake devastated zone which had suffered only minor damage in last week's disaster were almost completely destroyed by several further shocks yesterday.

The inhabitants received adequate warning however and there were no casualties.—Havas.

**WEATHER HITS
OTHER COUNTRIES**

London, To-day.

The weather is striking other parts of Europe besides Turkey.

In southern Spain, violent rains are falling and at least one river has risen 30 feet.

**COMPULSORY
LABOUR
SERVICES**

London, To-day.

Both Sweden and Rumania are to have compulsory labour services.

In Sweden, under a bill passed on Tuesday, labour will be compulsory for the equipping and maintaining of Sweden's defences, as well as for such vital services as agriculture and transport.

All farm labour, it was announced in Rumania yesterday, is now compulsory.—Reuter.

NO CREDENCE

London, To-day.

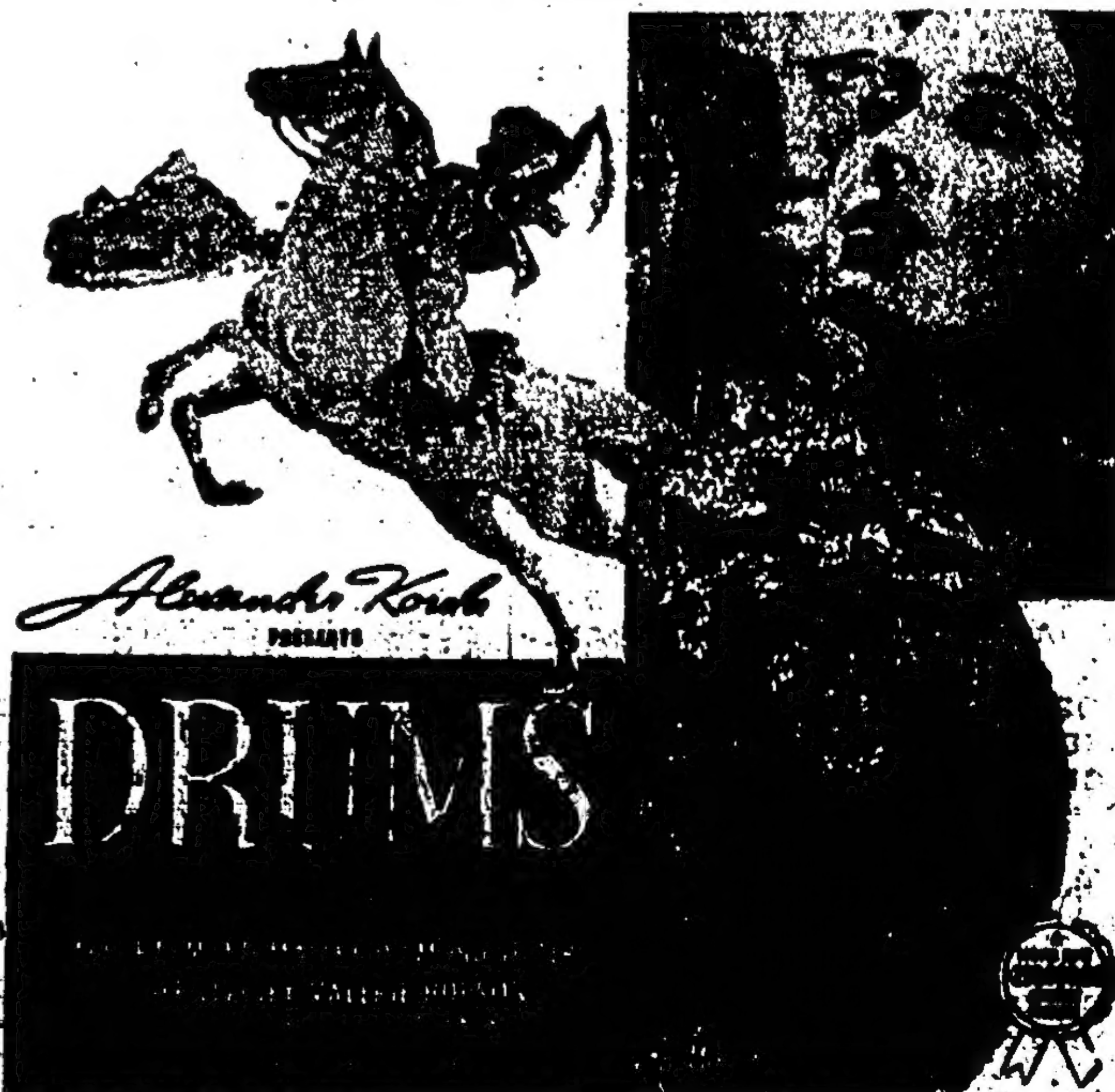
Official circles attach no credence whatever, it is authoritatively stated, to rumours in certain broadcasts of Russian troop concentrations on the borders of Afghanistan.

The Afghan Government have officially denied that there has been any mobilisation of their armed forces, and nothing whatever is known of any mobilisation in Iran.—Reuter.

In Central Europe, great hardship is being caused by the extreme cold. In Rumania, a temperature of 56 degrees below freezing point is reported.—Reuter.

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LORD SNELL ON BRITAIN'S MOTIVES IN THE WAR

London, To-day.

BROADCASTING LAST EVENING in London, Lord Snell, leader of the Labour Party in the House of Lords, said: "The British Commonwealth is not fighting for wealth or territory but for the liberation of mankind from the organized forces of evil. In this grim contest, right will in the end prevail."

In substantiation of this claim Lord Snell listed some of Britain's many advantages.

Time was on our side, our island position was a safeguard against invasion, the democratic nature of our institutions, the sympathies of all free men were with us, we possessed allies of great resources and endurance and are supported by splendid contributions from the Empire.

In connexion with the Empire's assistance, Lord Snell laid stress on its completely voluntary nature.

"There have been many empires, both ancient and modern, but saving only the British Commonwealth of Nations, there has never been one that had the insight and courage to stake its life upon such intangible yet such sure foundations.

"The British Empire is united not through fear or compulsion but through common institutions, purposes and ideals."

In recalling the extent of the Empire's resources, Lord Snell said the Empire was the greatest producer of wheat, wool, gold, tin, nickel, tea and timber.

"Whatever may be its shortcomings there is not a race or group within its territories that would prefer the rule of Herr Hitler to that of King George."

PEACE AIMS

Speaking of peace aims Lord Snell said the Labour Party had its own proposals and believed that they were such as even the German people could accept without humiliation.

They recognised the principle of equal rights as between all peoples.

The British Empire's own structure and experience suggest the method to be followed.

It is itself a loose federation of many states.

It illustrates the way in which particular and often apparently divergent interests can be made consistent with the common good.—British Wireless.

KING'S MESSAGE TO PORTUGAL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Lisbon, To-day.

King George VI and President Antonio Carmona have exchanged good wishes.

The King wired "to our old and valorous ally, to which we are bound by mutual esteem and historical ties," and expressed gratification at the long-standing Anglo-Portuguese friendship.

President Carmona replied also eulogising the strength of the centuries-old ties binding the countries.—Havas.

HOLD-UP OF JUNK PASSENGERS

Nearly \$800 was taken from eleven passengers on a Hong Kong junk which was held up by three men off Cheungshawan on Tuesday at about 11.30 p.m. One of the three robbers was armed with a revolver.

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MONTEVIDEO GIVES ROUSING RECEPTION TO H.M.S. AJAX: ENTHUSIASTIC CROWDS

Montevideo, To-day.

AN EXTREMELY WARM welcome was given to H.M.S. Ajax, one of the three British cruisers which defeated the Graf Spee, when she arrived here yesterday on a 48-hour courtesy visit.

The Ajax fired a salvo when she was two miles out of port, and this was returned by the Montevideo Marine Arsenal. Two official tugs then led her to a berth vacated by the cruiser Uruguay, while ships sounded their sirens and a crowd of thousands of Uruguayans and members of the British Colony cheered themselves hoarse.

Observers state that the Ajax shows no traces of her battle with the Graf Spee, whose battered hulk she passed on her way into Montevideo.

The large crowds broke through the police cordons time and again. The British Minister to Uruguay and members of the Legation staff went on board to receive Rear-Admiral Sir Henry Harwood and his officers.

POLO CLUB PARTY

Yesterday, 200 men of the crew went out to the Polo Club for a picnic as the guests of the Pro-Ally Committee and another 200 will be similarly entertained to-day.

Rear-Admiral Sir Henry Harwood and his officers are the guests of the British Legation and will be entertained by the Pro-Ally Committee to-day.

It is reported that H.M.S. Achilles, another of the three ships in the Graf Spee battle, is now on her way up the River Plate to pay a similar courtesy visit to Buenos Aires and the Argentine Republic.—Reuter.

ACHILLES GETS "ROARING" WELCOME

Buenos Aires, To-day.

A roaring welcome was given the British cruiser Achilles, one of the victors in the naval battle against the Admiral Graf Spee, on arrival here yesterday on a courtesy visit.

Crowds lined the wharves and cheered lustily; thousands of

people were kept back by cordon and the police had to restrain a crowd which sought to rush the gangway.

After the cruiser had moored, Argentine authorities went on board.

A heavy programme of entertainments has been provided for the officers and men.

CAPT. PARRY'S TRIBUTE

Captain Parry, in an interview, expressed appreciation of the magnificent reception.

He paid a tribute to the manner in which Rear-Admiral Harwood conducted the action against Admiral Graf Spee by concentrating his ships at exactly the right time and place, by attacking as soon as Graf Spee was sighted and by giving orders so unmistakable that though Achilles had joined the squadron only two days before the action, Captain Parry knew exactly what to do if they met the Graf Spee.

Captain Parry added that the New Zealanders behaved magnificently in the battle.—Reuter.

JAPANESE APPROACH TO EGYPT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Cairo, To-day.

Representatives of the Japanese Government have approached Egypt with a view to conclusion of a pact of friendship between the two countries.—Havas.

NEW VOTES FOR U.S. DEFENCE

Washington, To-day.

President Roosevelt has asked Congress to appropriate immediately \$271,999,523 in order to safeguard America's neutrality and strengthen national defence.

The request was made in a letter to Mr. Bankhead, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

President Roosevelt explains that the appropriation would supplement funds previously made available for the Departments of War, Navy and Justice and the Coastguards for the current fiscal year ending on June 30, 1940.—Reuter.

ORDERS FOR SHIPS IN HONG KONG

WHILE HONG KONG'S TWO LEADING DOCK COMPANIES ARE NOT PREPARED TO COMMIT THEMSELVES TO ANY DEFINITE STATEMENT IN THE MATTER, IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT IMPORTANT SHIP-BUILDING ORDERS ARE TO BE GIVEN TO THE COLONY SHORTLY, ON BEHALF OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT.

"It is quite possible," was the only comment obtainable in official quarters.

Reports have it, however, that both dock companies are likely to receive orders, limited only in number by their ability to obtain the necessary raw materials.

It is understood that the ships are likely to conform to a standard pattern, with a gross tonnage of between 4,000 and 5,000 tons.

EMPIRE'S WAR EFFORT

Paris, To-day.

The British Empire's concerted war effort is warmly praised by a contributor to "Le Matin."

French troops watching the Rhine, he says, receive with deep satisfaction the steady growing-up beside them of a British Army which also counts its soldiers by the million.

The "contemptible little army" has once again become a great army in a very short time, and Frenchmen could not praise too highly their British friends for not delaying a single day in their efforts towards the triumph of their joint task.—Reuter.

MR. FRANK MURPHY FOR U.S. SUPREME COURT

Washington, To-day.

It is learned on high authority that the Attorney-General, Mr. Frank Murphy, is to be appointed to the Supreme Court, and the Solicitor-General, Mr. Robert Jackson, will become Attorney-General.—Reuter.

BRITISH PLANE FORCED DOWN

London, To-day.

The Air Ministry announces that a British aeroplane was forced down in Belgium after being attacked by three German fighters while engaged in reconnaissance over Germany.

One member of the crew was killed and two slightly injured.—Reuter.

TECHNICAL "MIGHT" OF RED ARMY

MOSCOW, TO-DAY.

"FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICES IN INVENTING AND DESIGNING NEW HIGHLY IMPORTANT MODELS OF RED ARMY ARMAMENT," VASSILI DEGTAREV HAS BEEN AWARDED THE TITLE OF HERO OF SOCIALIST LABOUR, THE ORDER OF LENIN AND 50,000 ROUBLES.

The newspaper "Izvestia" remarks that Degtyarev's inventions have been of the greatest importance, enhancing the technical might of the Red Army.

Infantry, aviation and tank troops, says the journal, have received armaments in no way inferior, and in some respects surpassing, the best foreign models.—Reuter.

PLAN TO ORGANISE THE PEACE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

New York, To-day.

A "Committee for the Study and Organisation of Peace" has been formed here under the chairmanship of Mr. James Thomson Shotwell, member of the American Delegation to the Versailles Peace Conference in 1919.

The Committee will consist of 50 experts in foreign policy and will study means of establishing a basis for durable world peace when the present war is over.

Radio talks and lectures will inform the public of the Committee's activities.—Havas.

FALL OF YINGTAK

Shiukwan, To-day.

It is now officially admitted that Yungyun has fallen to the Japanese.

Yingtak was taken yesterday afternoon, the Chinese withdrawing in an orderly manner whilst fighting an effective rearguard action. Losses on the Chinese side are said to be small.

The Japanese are now making a determined drive towards Shiukwan.

The Chinese, are, however, making every preparation to defend the city.—Our Own Correspondent.

TURKEY'S FOREIGN POLICY APPROVED

Ankara, To-day.

Turkey's foreign policy was approved by a meeting of the People's Party Parliamentary Group on Tuesday night. The Foreign Minister addressed the meeting in a 2-hour speech.—Reuter.

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ALLEGED GERMAN MENACE

London, To-day.

There is no confirmation in London, says Reuter's diplomatic correspondent, of the report that Germany has sent the Swedish Government a sharp Note protesting against the despatch of volunteers, arms and ammunition to Finland, and conveying a warning that it might lead to unpleasant consequences.

On the other hand, both the British and French Governments are continuing their efforts to aid the Finnish Government.

Naturally the fact that both are engaged in a major war, to some extent limits their powers of material assistance, but it is revealed that certain large contracts which Finland placed in England before the outbreak of hostilities, and which had been suspended as the result of the war, are now being executed.

HELP TO GO ON

The French are also supplying money and munitions, and the policy of the two Governments would seem to be to continue this help regardless of the impression it might produce in Moscow or Berlin.

Indeed, in some quarters it is suggested that the attitude of Germany is by no means as clear as the above-mentioned reports would seem to imply. — Reuter.

UNITY MITFORD IN ACCIDENT

London, To-day.

Unity Freeman-Mitford, "Hitler's English girl-friend," who arrived back in England from Germany yesterday, was involved in a road accident while on the way to her father's country seat.

Miss Mitford landed at Folkestone still suffering from a wound in the head, reported to have been self-inflicted in Munich when she quarrelled with Hitler.

She was removed to an ambulance which was to take her to the Buckinghamshire home of her father, Lord Redesdale.

En route the ambulance was involved in a road accident, and Unity, accompanied by members of the Mitford family, was forced to return to Folkestone.

The party is staying the night and will continue the journey to-day. — Reuter.

18 DIE IN U.S. FIRE

Minneapolis, To-day.

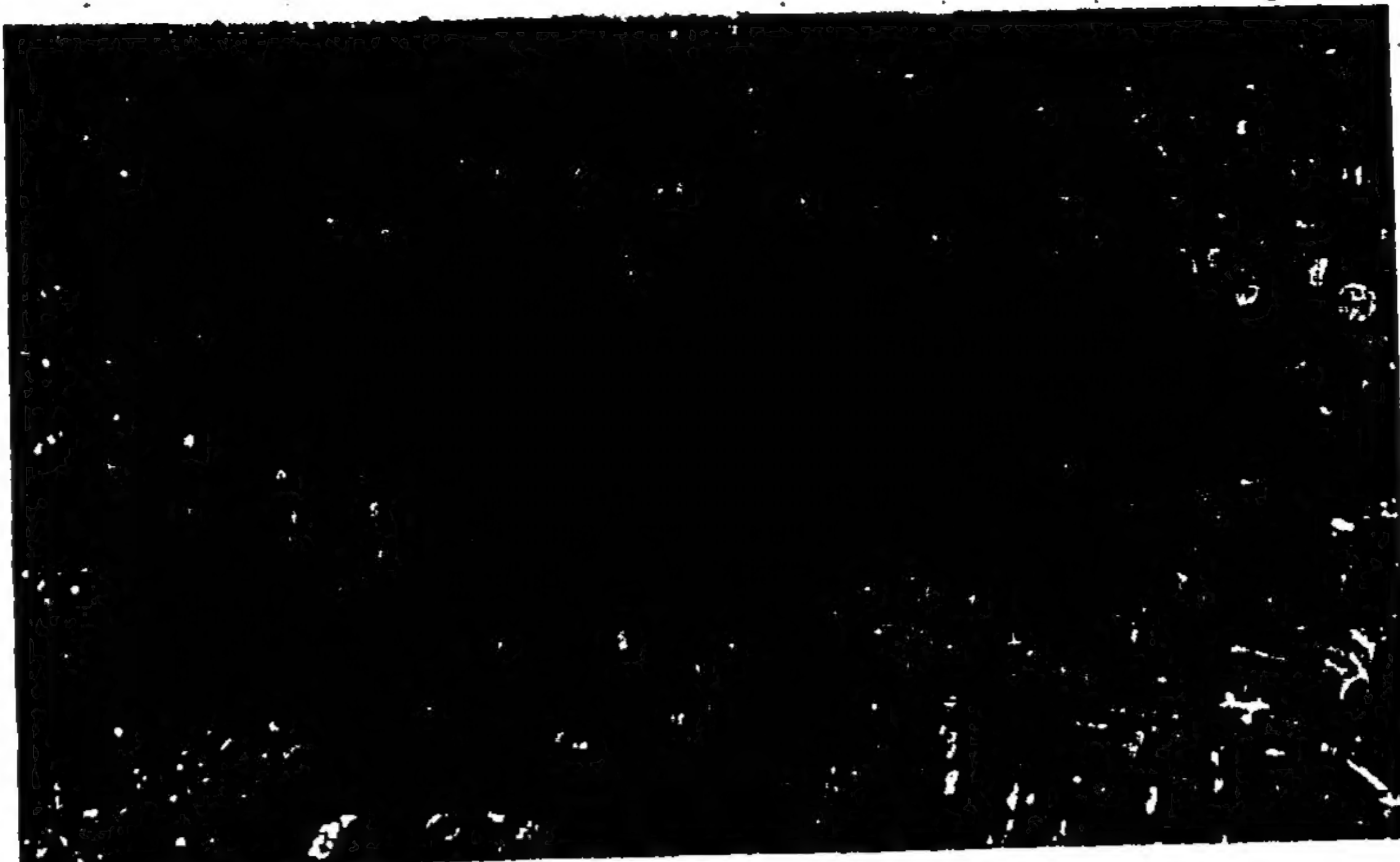
At least 18 perished when a big apartment hotel caught fire here yesterday.

All available fire brigades were called out, but the cold was so intense that water from the hoses froze before reaching the flames. — Reuter.

SWEDISH STEAMER ATTACKED

London, To-day.

A 5,000-ton Swedish steamer in the Atlantic has sent out an "SOS," stating that she has been under fire from a German submarine and that she is now sinking. — Reuter.



THE R.A.S.C. AT WORK—A demonstration designed to show on a comprehensive scale the training and equipment of the Royal Army Service Corps was given at a R.A.S.C. depot the other day. Photo shows some of the thousands of motor cycles for the Army stored in a hangar at the depot. (By Air Mail. Copyright).

SOVIETS LOSE HEAVILY IN NEW ATTACKS

Helsinki, To-day.

THE SOVIETS YESTERDAY launched a fierce infantry attack on the Taipale River sector, after artillery preparation, says a Finnish communiqué.

The Finns repulsed the attack with great loss to the Russians.

At Aittajoki the Finns destroyed a Russian company supported by machine-guns.

On the Suomussalmi front, near Rasti, the Finns destroyed five Russian tanks and two armoured cars.

In the Juntusranta sector the Finns have reached the left bank of the River Kokkojaervi. — Reuter.

MANNERHEIM LINE QUIETER

Helsinki, To-day.

The weather in Southern Finland cleared yesterday and, taking advantage of this, Soviet aircraft bombed the port of Hango. The extent of the damage is not yet known.

There is little fighting around the Mannerheim Line, but between Lake Ladoga and the Polar Front one Russian division has been surrounded and is desperately trying to fight its way out.

Reports of a Russian retreat towards Petsamo continue to come in, and there seems little doubt that the Finns have the initiative in this area.

SOVIET LOSSES

Neutral observers state that the Finns are in a better strategic position to-day than they have been at any time since the Soviet invasion began. At one point, indeed, operations are being carried out on Russian soil.

Since the beginning of the war, the Finnish news agency reports, the Soviets have lost 400 tanks and 150 aeroplanes. — Reuter.

CABLE MERGER IN U.S. URGED

New York, To-day.

The Federal Communications Commission has recommended to Congress the consolidation of the Western Union Telegraph Company and the Postal Telegraph and Cable Company as remedy for many existing ills in the communications industry. — Reuter.

Miss R. Lee, of No. 7, Homington Hill, has reported the theft of an electric motor valued at \$180 from her residence, yesterday afternoon.

ASIA LANDS MEETING

A REDUCTION IN THE LOSS ON THE YEAR'S WORKING OF \$12,800 WAS STRESSED BY MR. LAWRENCE KADOORIE, CHAIRMAN, AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF ASIA LANDS LIMITED, HELD ON THE SECOND FLOOR OF THE MERCANTILE BANK BUILDING AT 12.30 P.M. TO-DAY.

Reporting on the year's working, Mr. Kadoorie said:—

I regret that the accounts placed before you again show a loss, but if the item of depreciation amounting to \$46,533.41 be excluded, it will be seen that the actual loss on working this year is \$3,422.27 compared with \$16,222.28 last year, a reduction of \$12,800.01 which I think you will agree is very satisfactory considering the very difficult times through which the company is passing.

Net income from properties has increased by \$9,591.28 mainly attributable to enhanced revenue from our Po Tak Wharf. We have not been so fortunate with the Hing Kee Wharf which, as I previously stated, is not situated in such a favourable locality and naturally suffers to a greater extent from the disruption of the river trade. Any expectation of substantial income from this wharf must be deferred until the cessation of Sino-Japanese hostilities.

In welcome contrast to our wharf property, I am glad to be able to report that our house properties are fully occupied at reasonable rentals.

Our investment in Concrete Products Ltd. which had stood in the books at the nominal value of \$1.00 has been finally disposed of for the sum of \$1,350.

Our bank overdraft on "General" account has been reduced by approximately \$14,000 from the proceeds of the sale of vacant land and investment, and from surplus income from house properties. The overdraft on "Permanent" Piers Account, however, has increased by about \$4,800, the meagre net income from the Hing Kee Wharf being insufficient to cover Bank interest on the relative loan.

SHANGHAI VICTIM OF THE WAR

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.

Jack Tarby, 17-year-old son of Mr. H. Tarby, a member of the Shanghai office of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, was killed in the North Sea off the English coast on December 28 aboard the Swedish steamer Hanne which struck a mine and sank.

Jack Tarby was born in Canton in 1923. — Havas.

DETENTION OF NEUTRAL SHIPS

London, To-day.

On January 2, there were 47 neutral ships in the three United Kingdom contraband control bases, of which 29 had been there 5 days or less.

The total included 20 Dutch, 14 for 5 days or less; 5 Norwegian, 2 for 5 days or less; 4 Belgian, all for 5 days or less; 4 Swedish, 3 for 5 days or less; 4 Greek, 2 for 5 days or less.

During the week ending December 30, the Contraband Committee considered the cargoes of 159 ships which had arrived since December 23, and 20 outstanding cargoes from the previous week.

The combined total included 35 Italian, 25 Dutch, 23 Norwegian, 10 Greek, 10 Spanish, 7 Belgian, 6 Danish, 5 British, 4 Finnish and 4 U.S.A. ships.

In 76 cases the entire cargoes were released, either on first consideration or after enquiries.

The system under which advance copies of the manifests of cargoes are received and considered before the ship's arrival at United Kingdom ports, resulted during the week under review in 24 cases being so dealt with and in 19 cases of ships concerned being released by the Committee, subject merely to formal checking of the original manifests on their arrival at the control bases. — British Wireless.

CHERBOURG FESTIVAL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

CHERBOURG, TO-DAY.

THE PREMIER, M. DALADIER, THE NAVY MINISTER, M. CESAR CAMPINCHI, AND THE NAVAL COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, ADMIRAL FRANCOIS DARLAN, PAID A VISIT TO CHERBOURG YESTERDAY AND INSPECTED NAVAL UNITS WHICH HAVE DISTINGUISHED THEMSELVES IN THE WAR.

Among the units visited was the destroyer Sirocco, which has sunk three Nazi submarines, and the submarine Poncelet, which captured the Nazi freighter Chamnitz on the high seas and brought her to harbour safely. — Havas.

THEFTS OF WIRE

During the last three days, fifty instances of telephone wire thefts have been reported to the police from the Tsimshatsui, Yaumati and Mongkok districts.

NEW BICYCLE LOST

Master John Anderson, of Kowloon Docks, who left a new bicycle outside No. 7 Prat Building for about five minutes yesterday afternoon, returned to find that it had been stolen.

"Vast Difference Between Keeping Out Of War And Pretending The War Is None Of Our Business"

ROOSEVELT'S ADDRESS TO CONGRESS

Washington, To-day.

ADDRESSING THE NEW session of Congress yesterday President Roosevelt referred to his previous warnings that the daily lives of Americans would feel the shock of events in other countries, and declared the warning was no mere theory, for it had been definitely proved by the facts of yesterday and to-day.

President Roosevelt also warned against the belief that the United States, as a self-contained world, would live happily and prosperously secure while outside the rest of civilisation, commerce and the future of mankind were forsaken.

"The overwhelming majority of Americans do not abandon the hope and expectation that the United States will not become involved in military operations.

"There is a vast difference between keeping out of war and pretending that this war is none of our business.

"We do not have to go to war but at least we can align with other nations to encourage the kind of peace that will lighten the troubles of the world and thereby help our own nation as well.

"We must look ahead and see the possibilities for our children, if the rest of the world becomes dominated by concentrated force alone; also the effect on our own life if all the small nations have their independence snatched from them, or become a mere appendage to powerful military systems, or if a large part of the world is compelled to abandon the worship of God and is deprived of the truth which makes men free.

AMERICAN OSTRICHES!

"We must consider the effect on the future if world trade is controlled by a nation or group which establishes that control through military force.

"I hope we shall have few American ostriches within our midst.

"The peoples of other nations have the right to choose their own form of government, but such choice should be predicated on certain freedoms which we think essential everywhere.

"The United States must use her influence to open up trade, so that no nation will be compelled to seek forceably what she can gain by peaceful conference.

WORLD PEACE

"I emphasise the leadership which this nation can take when the time comes for a renewal of world peace."

In the meantime America must be prepared to take care of herself if the world cannot attain peace.

Therefore he asked Congress to levy additional taxes to meet emergency national defence.—Reuter.

DEMOCRACY'S TEST

The President concluded:—"We must as a united people keep ablaze the flames of human liberty, reason, democracy and fair play.

"May the year 1940 be pointed to by posterity as another period when democracy justified its existence as the best instrument of government yet devised by mankind."—Reuter.

Mr. J. R. M. Smith, of No. 138, Kennedy Road, has reported that a Columbia portable gramophone has been stolen from his car No. 3091.

AMERICA'S NEW WARSHIPS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

The new 35,000-ton battleship North Carolina will be launched in June.

She is the first battleship to be constructed by the United States since the Washington Conference in 1921.

A similar unit, called the Washington, will be launched in September.

Five other battleships are at present under construction but their characteristics are being kept secret.—Havas.

BREAK WITH SOVIET DEMANDED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

The New York correspondent of the "Daily Express" says it is likely that Mr. Martin Dies, head of the committee for investigation of un-American activities, will begin a campaign with a view to forcing President Roosevelt to break off all relations with the Soviet. — Havas.

CONTRABAND CONTROL

London, To-day.

During the week ended December 30th, the British Contraband Control intercepted 20,800 tons of contraband goods suspected to be destined for Germany.

The total included 17,500 tons of petroleum and allied products, 1,450 tons of ores and metals, 600 tons of miscellaneous foodstuffs, 400 tons of oilseeds, 180 tons of cotton, 180 tons of gums and resins and quantities of rubber, chemical products, tanning materials, timber, hides and skins.

In the first 17 weeks of war, the British Control detained a total of 537,600 tons.—British Wireless.

JAPANESE SOVIET AGREEMENT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Tokyo, To-day.

Japan and the Soviet have decided to form a joint committee to demarcate the border.

The accord covers all borders between the Soviet, Manchukuo and Mongolia.

Negotiations will be pursued simultaneously in Moscow and Tokyo to settle secondary questions.—Havas.

DE VALERA TO SEEK REPRIEVE IN I.R.A. CASE

LONDON, TO-DAY.

MR. EAMONN DE VALERA, THE EIRE PREMIER, HAS MADE REPRESENTATIONS TO THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT IN REGARD TO THE SENTENCES OF DEATH PASSED ON DECEMBER 14 ON TWO IRISHMEN, ON A CHARGE OF MURDERING A GIRL, ONE OF THE FIVE VICTIMS OF THE BOMB EXPLOSION AT COVENTRY ON AUGUST 25.

This was disclosed in a letter from Mr. de Valera read at a meeting yesterday of Daleton (County Cork) Urban Council.

The Council had previously adopted a resolution urging Mr. de Valera to request commutation of the sentences to penal servitude for life.—Reuter.

The first death sentences for I.R.A. outrages were passed at Birmingham Assizes on Peter Barnes, aged thirty-two, a clerk, and James Richards, aged twenty-nine, who were found guilty of murdering Elsie Ansell, aged twenty-one, one of five people killed when a bomb exploded at Broadgate, Coventry, on August 25.

Richards said:—"As a soldier of the I.R.A. I am not afraid to die as I am dying in a just cause. God bless Ireland and God bless the men who have fought and died for her."

Barnes said:—"As I am going before my God, I am condemned to death. I am innocent, and later I am sure it will come out that I had neither hand, act, nor part in it."

RAILWAY TRAFFIC RESUMED

Paris, To-day.

Railway traffic between Spain and France is now on a normal basis.

The first through train from France, the express from Paris, reached the Catalan frontier on Tuesday night.

The Barcelona mail train, whose service has been interrupted since the Franco war against the Government began in July, 1936, has resumed its schedule and now runs right through.—Reuter.

TWO NAZI PLANES SHOT DOWN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

With clear, cold weather prevailing both the French and German air forces have resumed activity over the Siegfried and Maginot Lines, respectively.

Over 100 French reconnaissance flights were carried out yesterday.

Many air skirmishes occurred but there were no casualties.—Havas.

Two German aircraft engaged in reconnaissance over the French lines were shot down in the late afternoon by French fighters. There were no losses on the French side.—Havas.

Paris, To-day.

There was general air activity over Paris and Eastern France on Tuesday/Wednesday night.

The Paris radio stations closed down for a time and some anti-aircraft fire was heard.

On the Western Front, French reconnaissance machines, accompanied by fighter machines, made dozens of flights over the German lines.—Reuter.

Paris, To-day.

Last night's French war communique stated: During the day our patrols and reconnaissance parties successfully fulfilled their missions at various points on the front.

Towards midday two enemy planes were brought down by our fighters.—Reuter.

NEW POWER SOUGHT FOR PRESIDENT

Washington, To-day.

Mr. Charles Edison, Secretary of the Navy, has asked Congress to empower President Roosevelt, "should a national emergency arise," to procure ships and materials and commandeer factories and the like.

Mr. Edison, who took office as Secretary of the Navy only yesterday, describes the proposals as a precautionary move.

In a letter to Congress he points out that President Wilson was granted similar power in March, 1917, a month before the United States entered the war.

Mr. Edison adds that the request does not anticipate that the United States will be involved in war.—Reuter.

NOT THE ROOSEVELT SUCCESSOR

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, denied that he had any personal ambitions to become President and added that Mr. Roosevelt had not chosen him as his successor.—Havas.

A travelling rug valued at \$85 was stolen from car No. 6043, the property of Dr. Talbot, of No. 16, Macdonnell Road, between 12 and 1 p.m. yesterday.

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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

APPREHENSIVE?

America at present indeed is very seriously apprehensive of a Japan-Soviet approach. She is in fact found to be unduly scared by the phantoms of her own creation, the seeds for which she herself has sown in regard to the present Japanese-American situation. But what Japan desires as to the adjustment of Japanese-Soviet relations is simply to settle the important pending problems between these two nations such as border delimitation, conclusion of a new fishery pact, the North Karafuto oil and coal mining issue, etc. What Japan desires to do thus in this direction is nothing more than the fulfilment of her proper duty.

What Japan is solicitous of doing in her effort to adjust her international relations is simply to enforce her moral diplomacy, which has been her consistent national policy pursued, and thus to contribute to the cause of world peace. If America should try to cause cessation of amicable Japanese-American relations by making operative the annulment of the existing commercial treaty between the two nations, that would be quite a different question. But if America, by remembering the tradition of her 70 years' most friendly relationship with this nation, tries to establish new relations on this footing, she should give up all her needless suspicion and refrain from indulging in any such public utterances as will needlessly stimulate Japanese public opinion. It is hoped that the United States will most amicably and seriously consider Japan's stand from a constructive angle for the sake of promoting the happy traditional friendship between the two nations.—"Yomiuri Shimbun."

JAPAN AND U.S.

There is absolutely no question that Japan desires the maintenance of friendly relations with America. Nobody contests this. Materially speaking, the United States is Japan's best customer, and this runs vice versa so far as American trade in the Far East is concerned, and for that matter in a large area of the rest of the world. So it is that some of the conjectures by the vernacular press of the content of the second conversations between Foreign Minister Nomura and Ambassador Grew are to be regretted, for these, cabled to America, serve only to stimulate the existent anti-Japan feeling there on the China Affair. It was conjectured for instance, in the absence of any official report, that the Foreign Minister had warned the American Ambassador that Japan "cannot proceed with adjustment of relations under such threats of pressure as strengthening of the United States naval forces in the Pacific and talk about an embargo on exports to Japan."

Such surmise in print would seem to support the views of some of the so-called American political commentators that Washington's notification of the Commerce and Navigation Treaty with Japan was a retaliatory measure against some of the Japanese Army's actions in China. Granting that the utterances of such a responsible official as Senator Key B. Pittman, chairman of the Senate foreign relations committee, have given weight to declarations of those agencies in America who are advocating a strong American policy toward Japan, still, any report diverting from the truth of important diplomatic talks is especially harmful in Japan at the present moment.—"Japan Times"

YANGTSE DECISION

The effect of the reopening, when it comes about, should be profound, so far as Shanghai is concerned, for it should immediately benefit trade, exchange, shipping, and, what is to-day of paramount importance, the rice supply. During the last two-and-a-half years Shanghai has managed to carry on a minimum of trade which has done much to keep the city alive, and relatively prosperous in view of all the circumstances, and it is a very natural hope that the Japanese authorities will not long delay putting their decision into operation. With the very substantial area which would thus be opened up, a considerable amount of additional trade should be possible for this port, and as it lives very largely upon such trade the general effect upon the fortunes of Shanghai and its large population should be wholly a beneficial one. While it may yet be some time before Shanghai can expect to resume its former trade to the fullest extent, the fact that it will, it is hoped shortly, be able again to take up the function, and that by no means an unimportant one,—of serving the hinterland, should mark the commencement of that progress towards increased prosperity which the outbreak of hostilities in 1937 brought so tragically to a temporary conclusion. The announcement made in Tokyo is of particular importance from a point of view which may not generally be recognised. It marks the admission of the well known fact that foreign communities in China are here for the purposes of trade, playing no political role and neutral in the Sino-Japanese struggle. That is a point which has been insisted upon times out of number, and the fullest recognition of that fact by Japan cannot but be the best possible augury for increasing betterment of relations which have undoubtedly been somewhat strained during the last two years. For during that period the enormous investments of foreign neutrals in China have been left idle, where they have not actually suffered material damage, and they have every right to expect that their position shall, and their rights, and interests recognised.—"N. C. D. News."

"TRUE INTENTIONS"

America is seriously apprehensive of a Japan-Soviet approach in the event of America causing too much indignation on the part of the Japanese in regard to the American-Japanese issues. But no motive is to be held as more reprehensible. If America will try, if to a certain extent, to appreciate the true intentions of Japan with respect to the China campaign, we can understand America's sincerity. But if it is simply her designs to try to seek adjustment of American-Japanese relations merely on account of the feared possibility that the aggravation of the diplomatic situation between the two nations may drive Japan on the side of the Soviet Union, we shall find no right genuineness of motive in this American attempt to gain the relations adjustment. Such an "inward" design on the part of America will in the end prove extremely dangerous to Japan, even if the present Tokyo conversations between Foreign Minister Nomura and Ambassador Joseph Grew may have achieved satisfactory progress.—"Kochi Shimbun."

CHINA MORASS

It is certain that Japan is anxious, for one reason or another, to get her hands and feet out of the China morass and apply them to enterprises of a more profitable sort while at the same time exploiting China for an economic gain which has thus far vanished ahead like a desert mirage.—Randall Gould.

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Potted-Best-Seller Serial: Fifth Day

THE HOPKINS MANUSCRIPT

By R. C. SHERRIFF

Who Wrote "Journey's End"

The moon struck the earth, sweeping away all air from its surface. Edgar Hopkins, one of the few survivors, faced death again.

As the air had left the outside world the pressure of the atmosphere in this room had burst the window and was whistling away into the night. I was suffering agonies of physical pain: my head seemed to swell like a balloon and my limbs felt horribly big and bloated. I staggered to the door: I heard the air whistling through the keyhole from the outside hall and as I turned the handle the door flew open, almost stunning me.

The air rushed from the hall towards the shattered window and I was able to take one great, God-sent breath of it that gave me the strength to struggle onwards to the door, of my library.

As the door opened inwards I had to throw my whole weight against it before it would give against the pressure of air within. I fell into the room and the door crashed to behind me as I lay panting for breath upon the floor. But there was air in here, and I quickly recovered. The windows of the library were latticed in lead, with thick diamond-shaped panes that had withstood the strain. But I could hear the precious, life-giving atmosphere whistling under the door-like water through the sluice gates of a mill.

I dragged up the hearthrug and wedged it along the crack; it was easier to keep air within the room than to keep it out, for the pressure drew the rug tightly against the leak and the hissing stopped.

I was thinking calmly and logically again: for greater safety I closed the shutters over the windows to lessen the pressure against the glass. I examined the chimney and was glad of my foresight in blocking it with a wet towel. The room seemed airtight now. How long I could live in it I did not know—I scarcely cared.

Then I think that I must have fainted. I returned to consciousness with a ghastly headache that seemed to be forcing my eyes from their sockets: my tongue was swollen—I could not swallow. I faced a slow, agonising death.

I staggered to the door and determined to open it. In any case it would be better to die at once than to bear the slow agony of suffocation in this room.

I drew the hearthrug from the bottom of the door. I knelt and held my hand against the crack. There was a slight movement, whether of air going out or coming in I could not tell.

I summoned my courage, took hold of the handle, and pulled. The door opened with ease—there was air upon earth again!

It was bitterly cold, with a sickly, sulphurous taste—but it was air—and breathable. I stood there for a moment, taking deep thankful draughts of it. It made me cough. I stretched and was slightly sick, but

I felt better for it. I walked through the hall and into the drawing-room. I went to the broken window, threw it open and looked out.

The night was very dark: I found my torch upon the floor and flashed it on to the plain beyond the window.

It was not a plain; it was water, a vast expanse of inky, sluggish water moving slowly by the window within a few feet of the walls.

I was sure now that I was mad. Floods I could imagine—floods that might even penetrate this inland valley—but before me was an ocean: moving placidly 500 feet above the level of the sea.

I stood there without thought: I stood with dull eyes and deadened brain until a huge black shape came slowly within my vision and quenched the faint greyiness of the night. It looked like an immense ship, sleepily nosing its way to harbour. For a moment its vast bulk seemed within touching distance and I thought that portholes passed me. The water was closer now: it was lapping against the very walls of the house; what I had taken to be the ripples of wind across a field of clover now showed themselves to be long, rhythmic waves, advancing steadily—each wave adding a little to the rising surface of the ocean.

I do not remember going back to my library—I have only a hazy recollection of sitting for a long while in my armchair, drumming the armrests with my fingers and saying out loud again and again: "Mad!—quite mad!—raving mad!—solitary raving madman in an empty world!"

When I awoke there was a little light coming through the open door. I went to the cupboard. A syphon was there—I pressed the nozzle to my parched lips and felt the cool, sweet water hiss into my burning throat.

I went to the window and threw the shutters open. Dawn was coming over the stricken hillside: the sweetest dawn that I have ever seen. The valley was still deep in darkness, but that ghostly ocean had gone as weirdly as it came.

I ran across the hall and flung the door wide to the glorious sunlight: I ran into the drawing-room, flung myself upon the couch and lay there laughing and sobbing.

I was alive!—the sun was rising!—the world was saved!

I quickly discovered that the weird ocean outside my window on the previous night had been no ghostly apparition of a fevered brain. My garden was in a ghastly mess—thick with slimy mud and seaweed.

I walked over the hillcrest and looked down upon the piece of land that had always been my pride and joy.

Sprawled in my meadow, almost covering the whole five acres of it, lay a huge black shape. I went down the hillside in mute bewilderment and as I drew nearer I saw to my amazement that it was an enormous ship.

Its great hull lay facing me—towering above me—its three immense funnels stuck out upon the other side, their tops resting upon the gentle slope that rose towards the downs.

The sun was glinting upon the great bronze screws as I stood staring up at them like a man in a trance. I walked to the bows and, by twisting my head, was able to read the name upon the vessel's side. It was the King Lear.

The phenomenon is not difficult to explain. My meadow lay at the head of a great valley that widened southward to Southampton Water. When



"Robin took an uncertain step towards me. He seemed doubtful if I was real. Then: 'My uncle's dead,' he said.

We stood together beside the door, talking in hushed voices as if people slept nearby.

"Somebody opened the door," said Robin. "somebody from inside. If they could open it, they could come out. Where are they all? It can't be that—that we're the last people left alive."

TO-MORROW:

"The Epoch Of Recovery"

the huge backwash from the Atlantic Ocean struck the southern coast of Britain the tidal waves swept up the valleys.

The greatest ships in the world had been like bottle corks in the face of those mighty waves. The King Lear, wrenched from her moorings, had ridden up this Hampshire valley until the lip of the downs had ended her nightmare voyage. The wave had receded as rapidly as it had come, leaving it wrecked behind it.

I was about to go and get my binoculars to search the surrounding country when I saw something which brought a shout of joy to my lips. I yelled like a madman and waved my hat.

Standing upon the opposite hillside was a solitary figure. It did not move—it did not answer my shout—but it was alive, and human.

I slithered down the muddy hillside and raced across the valley, and as I drew near I saw that it was Robin Parker.

He took an uncertain step towards me: I think that he recognised me, although he seemed doubtful whether I were a real person or a vision of his anguished mind. He was terribly pale, blood stained his cheek-bones almost to the jaw.

"My uncle's dead," he said. For a moment he looked me in the eyes then turned and walked towards the dug-out.

With intense thankfulness I saw the figure of a girl come from the house, and walk down the hill to meet us.

Pat smiled and took my hand.

"I'm so glad you are safe," she said. "Has Robin told you? It's good of you to come."

The sun was sinking as we crossed the valley towards the dug-out doors. We passed the two closed dug-out doors without a glance and made straight for the one that stood ajar.

"Got a match?" said Robin.

I drew a box from my pocket and Robin took it from me. We watched him anxiously as he began to grope down into the darkness.

A little flame spat out: we saw the boy's body silhouetted against the light and heard his exclamation of surprise.

"It's full of water," he said. "They must all be ..."

He hesitated over the words. I groped down and stood beside him. Level with the sixth step lay an inky surface of water.

As we returned to the doorway, Robin picked up something from the steps.

"A woman's scarf?" I said.

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RATIONING PLANS FOR BRITAIN BEGIN ON MONDAY

London, To-day.

DETAILS OF THE RATIONING of bacon and ham, which is to come into force on January 8, were issued by the Ministry of Food yesterday.

The uncooked bacon and ham ration will be four ounces, and cooked bacon and ham three and a half ounces a week maximum.

Retail prices will range from 1/2d. to 2/1d. according to cuts.

The Ministry of Food states it is proposed, as an experiment, to allow catering establishments to serve bacon and ham without surrender of coupons, provided they are consumed on the premises.

Supplies of butter and sugar to catering establishments will be calculated on the basis of one-sixth of an ounce of butter and one-seventh of an ounce of sugar per meal served.

This includes afternoon tea, for which no butter was allowed during the last war.

The arrangements apply to all places of refreshment open to the public, including clubs and canteens.—Reuter.

T.U.C. OPPOSE CONTROL OF WAGES

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE THIRD MEETING OF THE NATIONAL JOINT ADVISORY COUNCIL COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BRITISH EMPLOYERS CONFEDERATION AND THE T.U.C. GENERAL COUNCIL, WHICH WAS SET UP TO ADVISE THE GOVERNMENT ON MATTERS IN WHICH EMPLOYERS AND WORKERS HAVE COMMON INTEREST, WAS HELD YESTERDAY AT THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND NATIONAL SERVICE WITH THE MINISTER IN THE CHAIR.

Also present were representatives of the Treasury, the Board of Trade, the Mines Department and the Ministry of Food.

General discussion was resumed on the statement made to the Council by the Chancellor of the Exchequer in December on the financing of the war and further discussion will take place at the Council's next meeting on January 31.

During the discussion, the T.U.C. representatives emphasised their objections to the control of wages, otherwise than by the voluntary negotiating machinery now in existence. — British Wireless.

FRENCH INTIMATION TO LEAGUE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

The French Foreign Office has despatched a Note addressed to M. Joseph Avenol, Secretary-General of the League of Nations, in reply to the League request in connection with help for Finland.

The French communication asserts France's determination to extend the fullest possible assistance to Finland in co-operation with other members of the League. — Havas.

VATICAN FIRE ENQUIRY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.

The preliminary investigation into the causes of the fire which damaged the 'Apostolic Chancellery' showed that a short circuit could not have set off the blaze.

Apparently the fire was due to negligence, and perhaps, arson. Several men are suspected.—Reuter.

LEADING JAPANESE WAR CHIEFS IN CANTON?

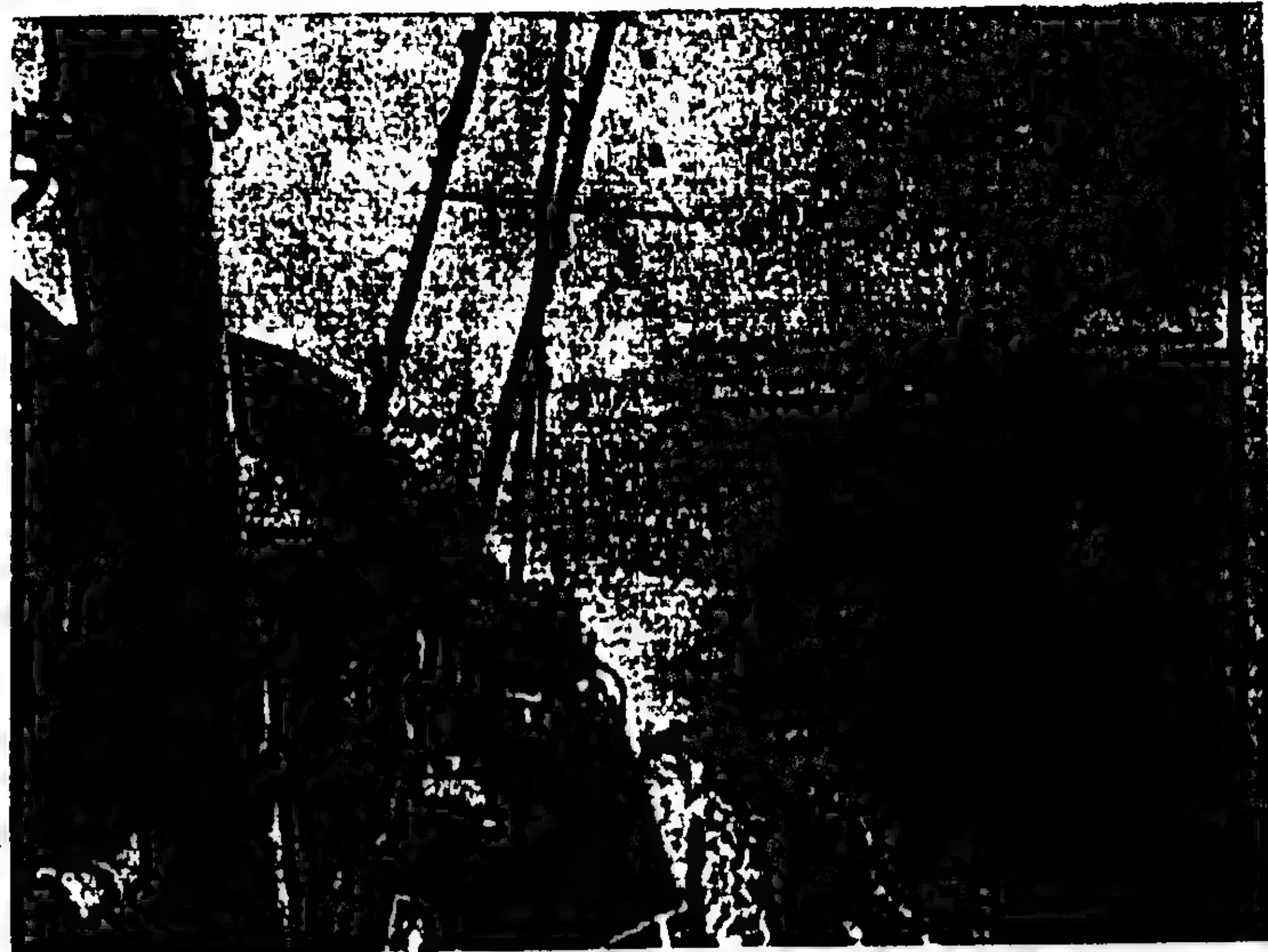
Chungking, To-day.

Lieut.-General T. Nishio, and Lieut.-General S. Itagaki, respectively Commander-in-Chief and Chief of Staff of the Japanese forces in China, are reported to have arrived in Canton to direct operations in north Kwangtung. They are said to be staying at the Japanese Headquarters at Tungshan.—Central News.

Bringing Up Father

By George McManus





French submarines on patrol, assisting in the airtight blockade of the Reich. Four in a row may be seen in this photograph, passed by the censor.

MR. GREENWOOD'S PROTEST TO UNIVERSITY SOCIETY

London, To-day.

A CONFERENCE OF THE University Labour Federation — an organisation based on Students' Societies at Universities with Labour sympathies, which has not infrequently found itself at variance with the official Labour Party policy — yesterday passed a resolution which urges that the task of the Labour Movement is to lead the working class in a determined struggle against what it describes as a war for profits and world domination, for which it holds "Hitler, Fascism and British and French Imperialism" equally responsible.

Mr. Arthur Greenwood, Deputy Leader of the Labour Party has severed his connection with the organisation as a protest against the resolution.

Mr. Greenwood wrote: "The resolution is in flat contradiction to the established and reaffirmed policy of organized Labour. It declares that the policy of the leaders of the Labour Movement and Trade Unions endangers the whole future of the Labour Movement. As I am wholeheartedly in support of Labour's policy, overwhelmingly supported by the rank and file, and as one on whom the censure of the Federation Executive has now fallen, I feel it necessary to resign the Presidency of the Federation.

"The resolution is obviously inspired from Communist sources. It reveals or professes complete ignorance of the real issues behind the present struggle.

FEDERATION'S ORIGIN

"It is out of sympathy with the views of the Socialist movement the world over and as its purpose can only be interpreted as definitely disruptive, I need only add that as the one who has had the longest continuous association with the University Labour Federation and as the one who remembers the spirit which brought it into existence at the end of the last Great War, at the instance of the men who had fought in that war, I regret severing my connection with an organization which I had

hoped would be a beacon of Socialism in the University world."—British Wireless.

ACCIDENT SEQUEL

Lieutenant Thomas Parkinson, Quartermaster of the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, appeared before Mr. R. Edwards this morning on a manslaughter charge.

He was charged with the manslaughter of Wong Chu-lum, while driving his car, licence No. 656, on December 23 at Bonham Road, near Breezy Path.

Defendant was on bail of \$100. Traffic Inspector S. E. Saunders asked for a week's remand which was granted.

FUNERAL OF SHANGHAI RIVER POLICE OFFICER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai, To-day.

Mr. Thomas Davies, a British member of the Customs River Police, who died on Saturday morning, was buried in Lokawei Cemetery.

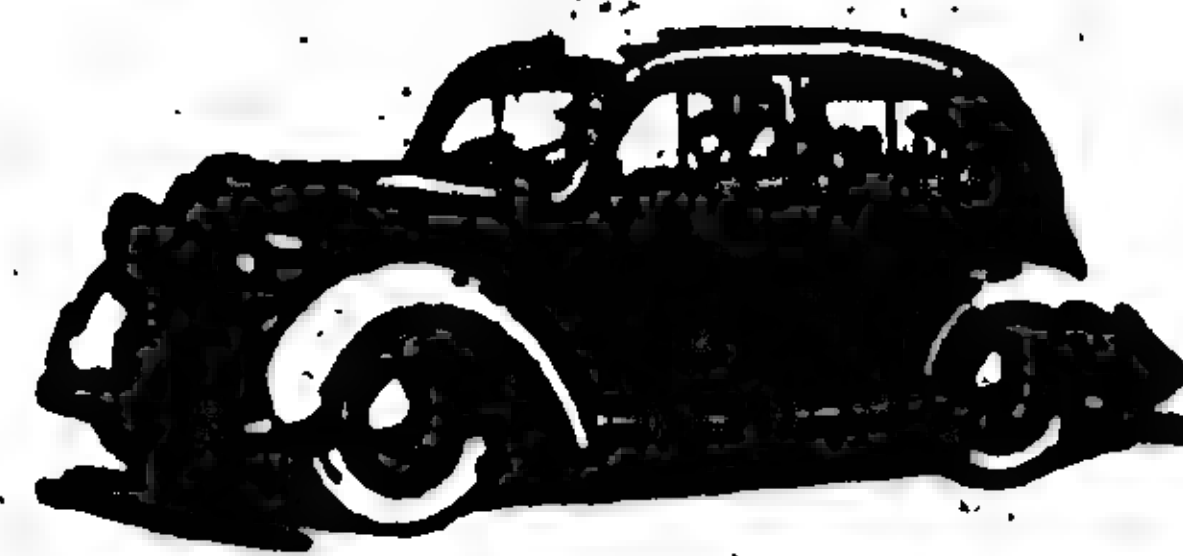
Mr. Davies a native of Liverpool, joined the River Police in 1935 and served throughout the World War in the Royal Fusiliers.—Havas.

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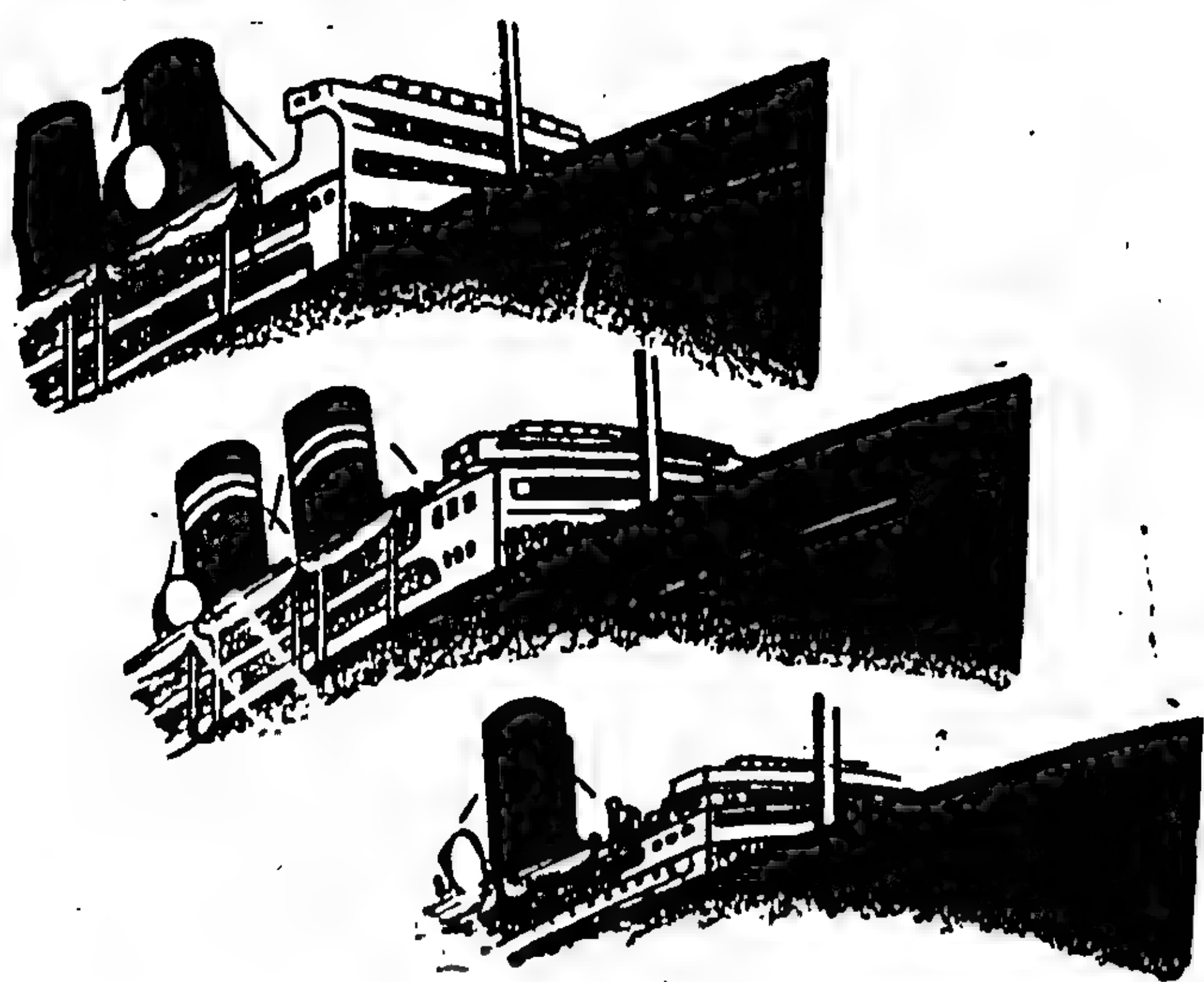


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Japan and Shanghai	January 4.
Canton	January 5.
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Formosa and Swatow	January 5.
Calcutta and Straits	January 5.
Japan	January 5.
Canton	January 6.
Shanghai and Swatow	January 6.
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U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 15th December 1939)	January 6.
Straits and Saigon	January 6.
Rabaul and Manila	January 6.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 30th December.	January 7.
Saigon	January 7.
Haiphong	January 7.
Haiphong	January 7.
Europe via Suez and Straits (London date, 18th November)	January 7.
Shanghai	January 8.
Japan	January 8.
Shanghai	January 8.

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Amoy	Jan. 4, 2.30 p.m.	
Shanghai	Jan. 4, 2.30 p.m.	
Saigon, Bangkok, Mauritius, Reunion Madagascar, Lourenco-Marques and South Africa via Durban	Jan. 4, 3.30 p.m.	
Manila	Jan. 4, 3.30 p.m.	
Amoy	Jan. 4, 7.00 p.m.	
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mombasa, Beira, Lourenco-Marques, East and South Africa	Jan. 4, 7.00 p.m.	
FRIDAY		
Amoy	Jan. 5, 8.30 a.m.	
Canton	Jan. 5, 10.30 a.m.	
Straits	Jan. 5, 3.30 p.m.	
Shanghai and Japan	Jan. 5, 3.30 p.m.	
SATURDAY		
Saigon	Jan. 6, 10.30 a.m.	
Haiphong	Jan. 6, 1.00 p.m.	
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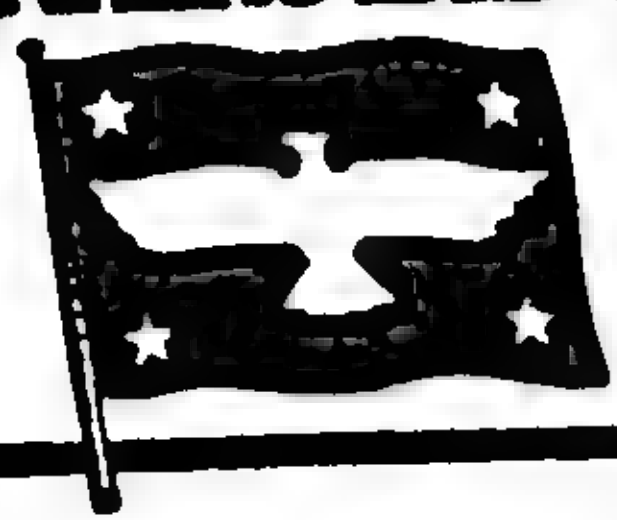
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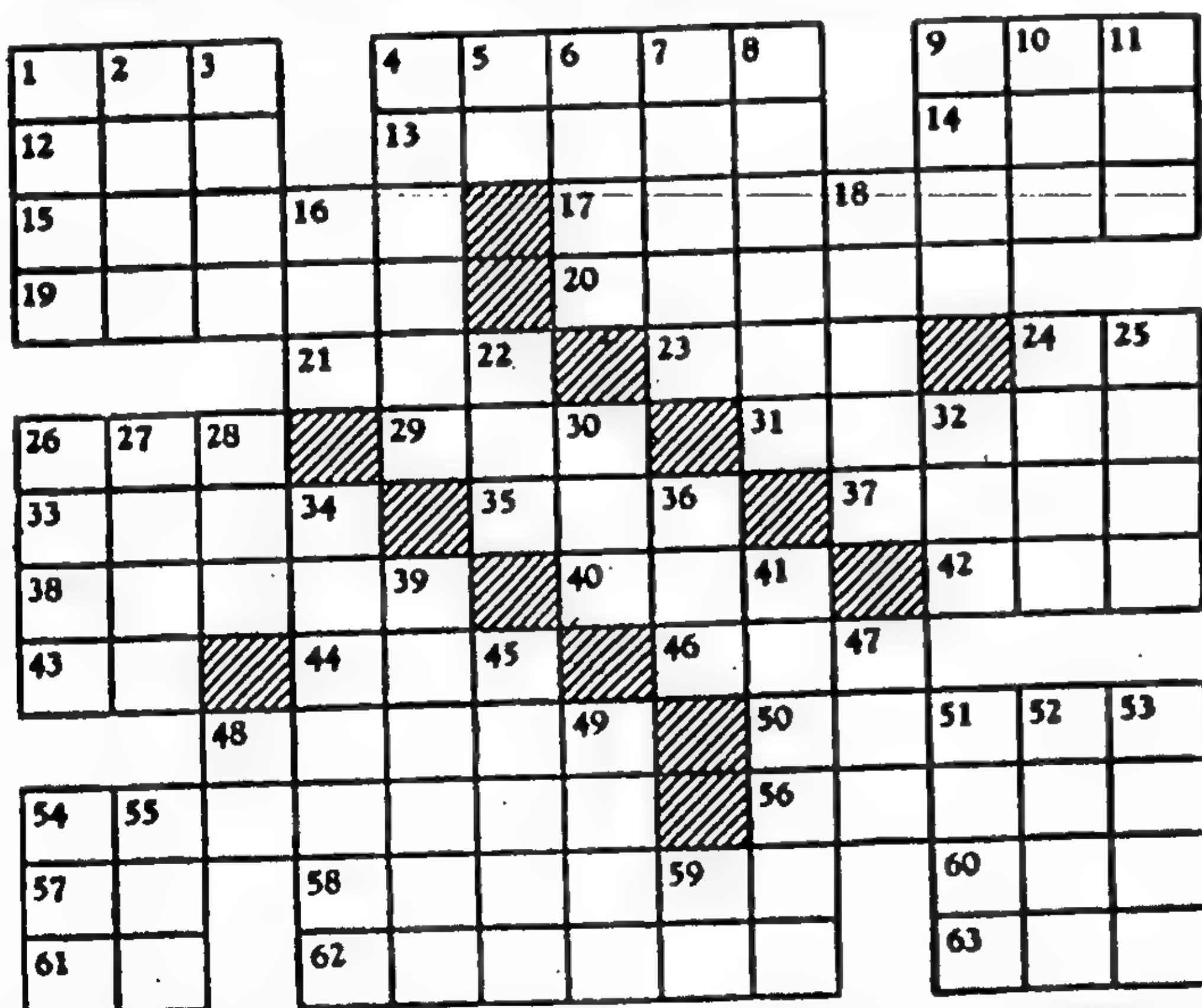
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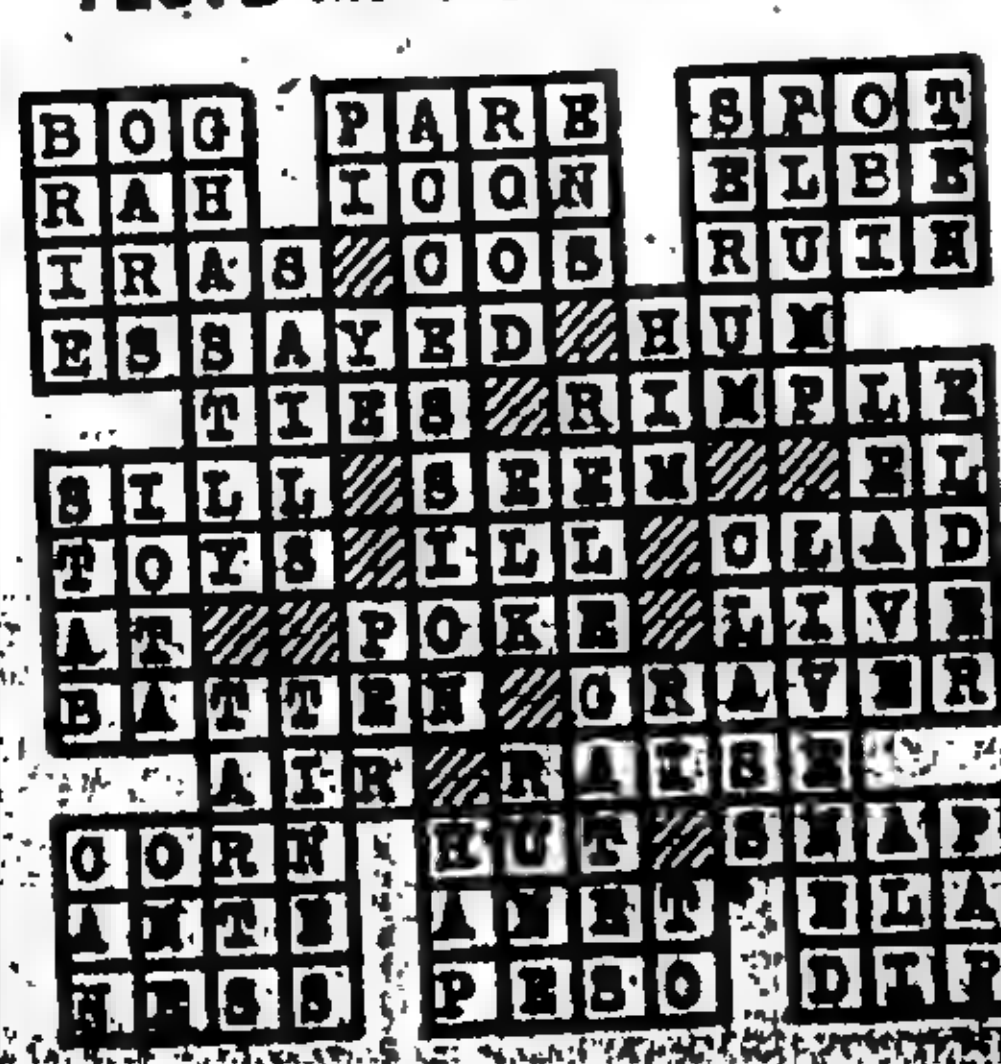
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- 21 Greek letter
- 23 Meadow
- 24 Part of "to be"
- 26 Worm
- 29 To dine
- 31 Fruit
- 33 To strike
- 35 Outfit
- 37 Let it stand
- 38 Arctic
- 40 Small dog
- 42 English river
- 43 Old pronoun
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- 45 To seize
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- 1 Periphery
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- 6 To declare
- 7 Pertaining to kidneys
- 8 Drugged

- 9 Hastened
- 10 Pronoun
- 11 Abstract being
- 16 Shelter
- 18 Properties
- 22 Sea bird
- 24 Peak
- 25 To allot
- 28 To discover
- 27 Plum-like fruit
- 28 Sodium chloride
- 30 Orange seed
- 32 Western Indian
- 34 Stately houses
- 36 Cask
- 39 To adore
- 41 Bravest
- 45 Surges
- 47 Club
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- 49 Denomination
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- 52 City in Samoa
- 53 Tear
- 54 Apt
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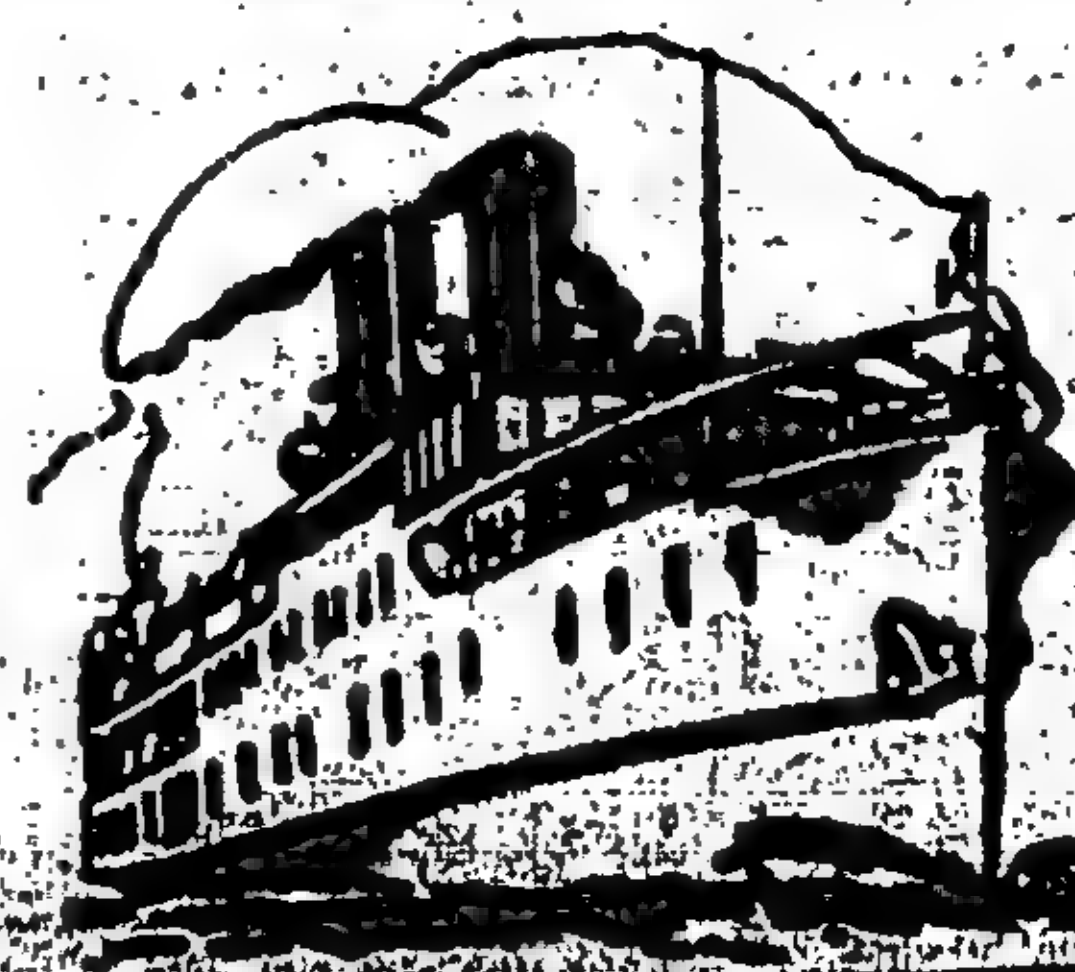
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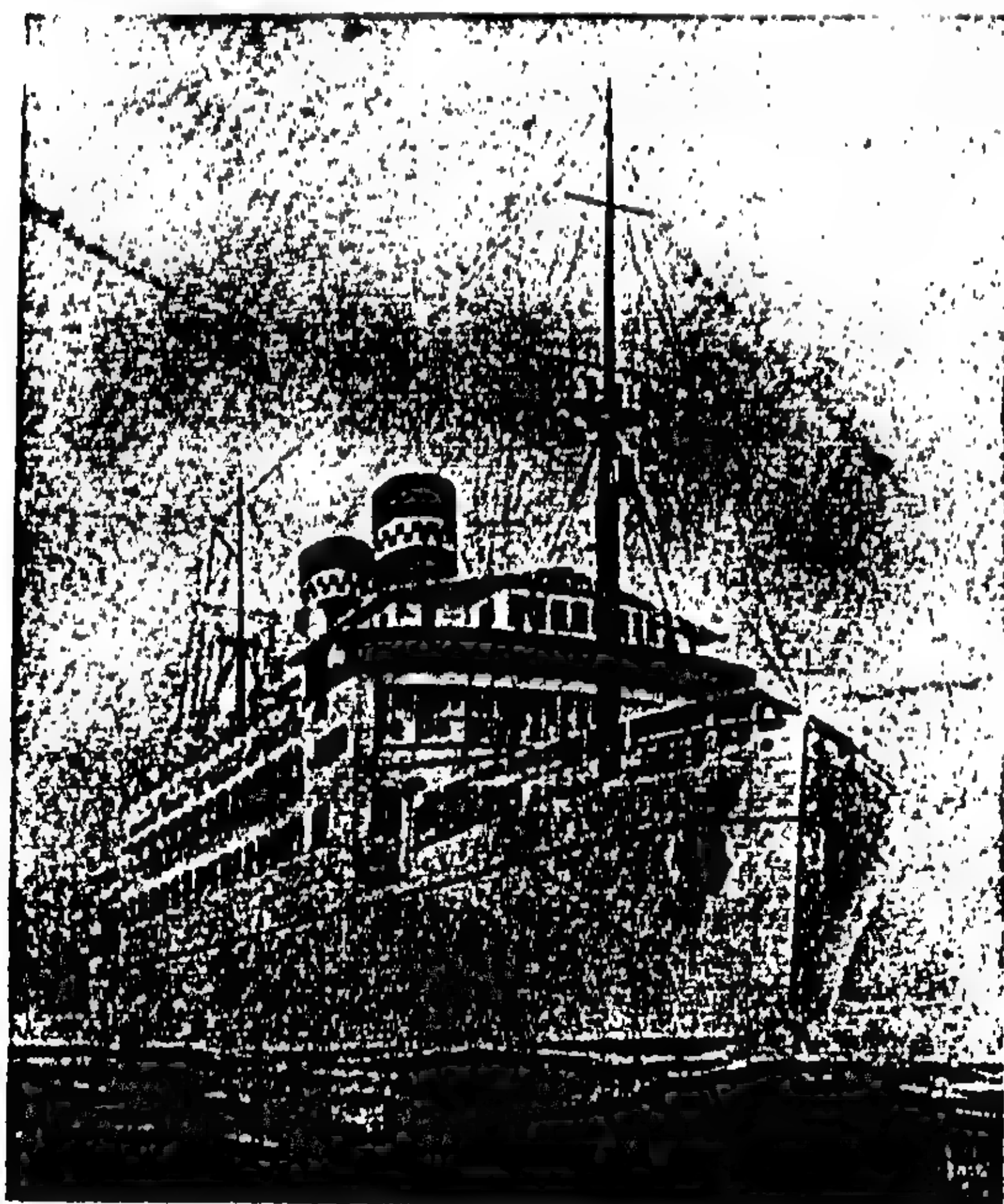
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PROFESSOR PAYS A TRIBUTE

THERE HAS BEEN CRITICISM RECENTLY OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE LOCAL PEACE PRESERVATION ORGANISATION.

A professor of Lingnan University has now written to the "China Mail" giving details of an incident in which he was concerned, which, provides a story on the other side.

On getting into a taxi in Bonham Road, the professor left one of numerous parcels behind on the pavement, discovering the loss only on reaching the Canton steamer. Telephoning the police, he found the suitcase had already been taken to No. 8 police station by two members of the Peace Preservation Corps.

The other day, he identified, by his number, one of the two and sought to reward him, but the man vigorously insisted that he was only doing his duty and refused to accept any gratuity.

"My gratitude," says the Professor, "was naturally increased."

LOCAL TEXT-BOOK

THE FIRST OF ITS KIND TO BE PUBLISHED IN HONG KONG, A TEXT-BOOK ON BOOK-KEEPING AND ACCOUNTANCY ENTITLED "MODERN PRACTICAL BOOK-KEEPING," BY MR. THOMAS LEC. KUEN, HAS BEEN PUBLISHED BY THE COMMERCIAL PRESS.

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LOCAL SHARES

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations to-day:

BANKS
Hong Kong Bank \$1360 b.
INSURANCES
Canton Ins. \$200 b.
Union Ins. \$430 b.

SHIPPING
Douglases \$72 b.
Indo-Chinas (Pref.) \$100 b.
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DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, ETC.

H.K. Docks \$21 b., \$20½/21 sa.
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PUBLIC UTILITIES
H.K. Tramways \$17.10 b., \$17¼ s.
Star Ferries \$68½ b.
Yaumati Ferries \$23¼ b.
China Lights (Old) \$7½ b., \$7.60 sa.
H.K. Electrics \$53½ b.
Sandakan Lights \$11.10 b.
Telephones (Old) \$24½ b.
Telephones (Old) \$9.10 b.
INDUSTRIALS
Cements \$17½ b., \$17¼ sa.

STORES, &C.
Dairy Farms (New) \$21¼ sa.
Watsons \$9.10 b., \$9.40 s.

MISCELLANEOUS
Entertainments \$6¼ b.
Constructions (Old) \$1¼ b.

MANILA SHARES
Antamoks Ps. 17½ sa.
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Baguio Gold Ps. 22½ sa.
Batong Buhay Ps. .015 sa.
Benguet Consol. Ps. 5.70 b.
Blg Wedge Ps. 26 sa.
Coco Grove Ps. 17 sa.
Consol. Mines Ps. .004 sa.
Demonstrations Ps. .14 sa.
East Mindanao Ps. .12 sa.
I.X.L. Ps. 39½ b.
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Mambulao Ps. .017 b.
Masbates Ps. 12½ sa.
Mind. Mother Lode. Ps. .10 sa.
Mine Operation Ps. 12½ sa.
North Camarines Ps. 17 sa.
Paracale Gumaus Ps. 20 sa.
San Mauricio Ps. .96 sa.
Surigao Consol. Ps. 20 sa.
Suyoc Consol. Ps. 14 sa.
Syndicate Inv. Ps. .026 sa.
United Paracales Ps. 35½ sa.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2 7/8.

London silver was quoted yesterday at 21-5/8 for spot and 21-3/4 for forward.

The London on New York rate was quoted at 2 — U.S.\$4.02 and the New York on London rate at 2 — U.S.\$3.95.

NEW SWIMMING RECORD

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
Ostend, To-day.

Miss Fernande Caroen, of Belgium, yesterday broke the world's record for the 500-metre swimming free style with a time of 6 minutes 28 seconds. —Havas.

The old record was set by Miss R. Hveger (Denmark) in 1936 and was 6 minutes, 45.7 seconds.

D.L.I. BEATEN AT POLO

Playing a friendly game of polo at Boundary Street yesterday, a scratch Hong Kong Team beat the Durham Light Infantry 4 goals to 3.

Goalscorers for Hong Kong were Capt. Burn (2), Lt. Forrester, and Lt. Chattey. For the Durham's Capt. Davis, Major Simpson and Major Kirby.

Hong Kong: Capt. Burn, Lt. Forrester, Lt. Chattey and Capt. Chattey.
Durham: Capt. Davis, Major Simpson, Major Arderne and Major Kirby.

GODFREY & HUTCHISON DROPPED

(By "SCRUM-HALF")

Club have dropped Godfrey, wing-forward, and Hutchison, centre threequarter, for Saturday's Rugby match against Police at Causeway Bay, commencing at 2.45 p.m.

Stung by their "A" defeat at the hands of Police on December 16, Club are fielding their Triangular Tournament team with the exception of Godfrey and Hutchison and possibly Castleton, who, I understand is being considered with Burford for the hooking position in the absence of Salter, who was selected but who is unwell.

Aitkenhead, who showed up well in his debut yesterday, has taken Hutchison's place in the back division and Cessford, back from his holiday, is at fly-half, allowing Charter to return to the threequarter line. Thomson has been preferred to Henderson at scrum-half and the latter has taken F. Thompson's place at full-back. Kennedy replaced Godfrey at forward.

Police are fielding their best fifteen with Jackson, a threequarter, playing in the second row of the pack.

Following are the teams:

Club:—Henderson; Bosanquet, Charter, Aitkenhead and Stewart; Cessford and Thomson; Heasman, A. N. Other, Walkden; Needham, Bompas; Taylor, Kennedy and Deane.

Police:—Wall; Reynolds, Fay, Wilson and Taylor; Leslie and Luscombe; Wheeler, Cullinan; Searle; Innis, Jackson; Dempsey, Riddell and Jenner.

Reserves:—Rose and Hayward.

RECREIO CRICKET TEAM

The following will represent Recreio seniors against Civil Service seniors in a friendly cricket match on Saturday at Happy Valley.

A. M. Rodrigues (Capt.), E. L. Gosano, P. M. N. da Silva, W. A. Reed, H. L. Ozorio, E. M. L. Soares, A. P. Pereira, L. G. Gosano, N. Beltrao, J. M. Gosano and G. N. Gosano.

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TERRORIST TO TRAIN ENVOYS

London, Dec., 9.

Manfred von Killinger, one of the most sinister figures of Nazism, has been appointed to a special position in the "Ribbentrop bureau," the Nazi Party's private Foreign Office organisation. His job is to "train" young Nazi diplomats.

Killinger's history will throw some light on the sort of training which Hitler wants to give his young foreign representatives.

He was the first Nazi governor of Thuringia, later became a member of the ominous People's Court and after that German Consul-General in San Francisco.

More revealing is the fact that he is a self-confessed terrorist, and has written a book on "Putsch-Life: Stories Grave and Gay."

His immediate subordinates were responsible for scores of murders in pre-Hitler Germany: Foreign Minister Rathenau and Armistice signatory Erzberger were their two chief victims.

Killinger's present job is to produce skilled Nazi terrorists and spies who can be sent to neutral countries in the guise of diplomats.

Their task will be to organise the war-time Nazi spy activity and to establish contact with discontented elements in the countries to which they are accredited.

Before the war Killinger was credibly reported to have been called in by Hitler to advise him on assistance of the I.R.A. activities.

Killinger is an expert on Irish affairs. He was one of the reactionary German officers who engaged in gun-running between Germany and Ireland in the early twenties.

Now that Germany is at war with Britain, Killinger wants to make contact with the I.R.A. and guide its anti-British outrages along lines useful to Germany.

His young diplomats are to help him with the job, and the Northern and the Balkan countries too are to see them.

LIBERAL M.P. & SOCIALISM

Sir Richard Acland, one of the best known of the younger Liberal M.P.s, has circulated a statement to members of the House of Commons which is in effect a demand for Socialism.

His Party has taken no disciplinary action against him for this departure from classic Liberal policy. In fact, Sir Richard told the press that his statement is securing a wide measure of support.

The main conclusions advanced by Sir Richard are that the war has brought about the "death knell of private capitalism," and that the movement towards monopoly control has wiped out "the little men of private enterprise" and interplay of free competition.

He cites the inequalities in the distribution of wealth, and voices the view that if private profit is to continue its toll upon industry, the finances of the nation will break down.

Thus Sir Richard reaches the view that the principle must be accepted that mere ownership of private property does not entitle a man to draw an income.

RUSSIAN SUPPORT

Regarding the international situation, Sir Richard repudiates the view that the Russian and German systems are the same thing. He points out that Soviet principles are based upon the fundamental conception of the rights of the working man, whatever his nationality, and urges that "we will receive Russia's practical support if it is known that we set out to achieve a society in which equality will not be made a mockery by the unearned incomes of the owners, and which will be based on an international order in which the principle of National Sovereignty will be severely and steadily circumscribed."

FIRE (AND HITLER) GIVE CRAZY NIGHT

Hitler has got something to answer for. Ask anyone in the quiet Suffolk market town of Framlingham.

If it had not been for Hitler there would have been no black-out, and if there had been no black-out, scores of Framlingham folk would not be rubbing their shins and bathing their bruises after the most amusing chapter of accidents and the biggest commotion the town has ever known.

In the early hours someone noticed a garage on fire in Badlingham-road. Posthaste went a police-constable to peal the church bells—that is how they summon the fire brigade in Framlingham—but somehow his key would not fit the church door lock. His inspector, hurrying through the darkness to his aid, tripped over the kerb and cut his head on his steel helmet. Then it was discovered that the lock of the door had been changed.

All the time, you must understand, the firemen were sleeping peacefully in their beds. No bells, no fire is the order of things in Framlingham, but their superintendent had been awakened. He went to the fire station expecting to find his men, but the fire station was deserted and in Beddingham-road was a fire.

PASSPORT MYSTERY

Det.-Sergt. Bray, of Scotland Yard, stated at Bow-street that his department viewed with some suspicion the manner in which a passport was obtained by Mrs. Johanna Elly Simon, 40, a German opera singer, satyng at Stanley-gardens, Bayswater. She was charged with possessing an irregular passport.

Sergt. Bray said that before the present war Mrs. Simon was given assistance to come to Britain by some person at an Embassy.

According to her own story, he went on, she wished to go to her husband in Canada and was anxious to obtain a passport without the endorsement "J," signifying that she was a Jewess.

Two officials in the Berlin Ministry of the Interior promised to assist her. They were discovered and imprisoned. Gestapo officers were on their way to arrest her when another opera singer, very much like her in appearance, gave her her own passport, with which she escaped. Two weeks after her arrival here she gave herself up to the police on the advice of a solicitor.

The magistrate, Mr. McKenna, remanded Mrs. Simon for further inquiries.

So the superintendent took the engine out himself and drove as best he could through the blacked-out streets. He arrived at the scene of the blaze, to find a second fire. This time it was a lorry, so the superintendent had to quell that before starting in solitude on the major operation.

Meanwhile, the church door was being forced and at last the bells rang. Out of their beds tumbled the firemen, and with many a stumble they reached the station. They arrived, but found their engine gone, so they went to the police station to find out what it was all about. There the policeman on duty told them where they could find the fire and the engine.

The firemen walked to the fire, running was too risky; besides, by this time the streets were crowded with townsfolk, stumbling, tripping and inquiring what had happened.

The church bells are also a supplementary air raid warning in Framlingham, so some ran into the streets, while from a dozen bedroom windows black-out curtains were pulled aside and invisible heads inquired what was the cause of the commotion.

Framlingham's fire brigade, assisted by about a half of Framlingham's adult and child population, put out the fire. Then Framlingham went back to bed, and daylight found a town of limping men.



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7.30 p.m.—LONDON RELAY—The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal; Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—RINA KETTY (Vocal) in a Light French Programme with L'Accordeoniste Alexander.
J'Attendrai... (Oliveri & Poterat); Sombreros and Mantillas (Valsada & Chanty)...Rina Ketty (Vocal) with Orchestra.
Vous Oubliez Votre Cheval (Trenet-Arcady); J'ai Connu De Vous (Trenet)...Charles Trenet (Vocal) with Orchestra.
One-Step—Parade D'Oiseau; Valse Musette—Reve Secret...L'Accordeoniste Alexander & His Orchestra.
Rien Que Mon Coeur (Martel & Others); Le Clocher D'Amour (Martel & Others)...Rina Ketty (Vocal) with Orchestra.
En Quittant Une Ville (Trenet)...Charles Trenet (Vocal) & His Orchestra.

8.30 p.m.—CONCERT WALTZES.
Spring Waltz (arr. Schwartz); Waltz Nanette (arr. Schwartz)...Russian Novelty Orchestra.
My Darling Waltz ("The Gypsy Baron"—J. Strauss)...Berlin State Opera Orchestra cond. by Dr. Leo Blech.
8.45 p.m.—STUDIO—Talk on "The Psychology of the War".
9.05 p.m.—ROGER QUILTER—Three

Selections
From Light
Opera

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9.15 p.m.—LONDON RELAY—News Summary.
9.20 p.m.—SELECTIONS from "The Bohemian Girl", "A Country Girl" and "The Quaker Girl".
"The Bohemian Girl"—Vocal Gems (Balfe)...Light Opera Company with Orchestra.
"A Country Girl"—Selection (Lionel Monckton)...London Theatre Orchestra.
"The Quaker Girl"—Vocal Gems (Monckton)...Light Opera Company with Orch.
9.45 p.m.—Patricia Rossborough (Piano) & Robinson Cleaver (Organ). Zampa (Herold).
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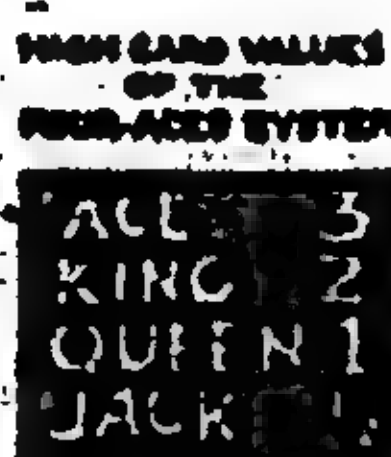
West, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♠ 9 5 2
♥ Q 4
♦ K J 9 8 3
♣ J 7 6
♠ A 10 6 3
♥ A K 5
♦ 4
♣ A K Q
10 2
♠ K Q
♥ J 10
♦ A Q 10 7 2
♣ 9 5 4 3

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
1♠	Pass	1♥	2♦
2♠	3♦	Pass	Pass
3♥	Pass	Pass	4♦
Dbl.	Pass	Pass	Pass

In the play West cashed six top cards, thereby setting the contract 500. Actually East and West can make six hearts, but no one in the tournament bid it and it was a very lucky Slam anyway.



not get him a bottom score was South's foolhardy bid of four diamonds.

Of course West did have quite a problem as to the correct bid over South's two diamonds, but he could have solved it by bidding three diamonds. East would have bid three hearts, and then West could have raised to four.

Yesterday you were the dealer with neither side vulnerable. You held:

♠ A Q 6 5 4
♥ A Q 2
♦ 10 6
♣ 8 6 2

ANSWER: Your correct opening bid is one spade. With a reasonably good five-card suit and a High Card Value of 8 (3 quick tricks) the hand is too strong to pass.

Score 100% for one spade, 30% for pass.

QUESTION NO. 299

You are David Bruce Burnstone's partner to-day and hold:

♠ A Q 10 7 4
♥ 5
♦ A 5 4
♣ A 10 7 2

The bidding:
You Maier Burnstone Jacoby
1♠ Pass 1♥ Pass
2♠ Pass 2♥ Pass
(?)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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HOCKEY

SAPPERS BEATEN, PLAY WELL

(By "SPORTSHAWK")

Royal Engineers', who were one short throughout and were forced to field four reserves owing to some regular players being in camp, were defeated by Club first eleven, in full strength, at King's Park yesterday afternoon in a friendly hockey match, by two clear goals.

Although they suffered defeat, their play for the greater part of the game was most satisfactory and they succeeded in giving the opposing backs quite a lot to think about. On many occasions they were quite near scoring but finished badly.

In defence, Saxby and Russell, both combined so well that their opposing forwards were rarely able to break through, while the goalie, Dobson, was very steady.

Croston, in the pivotal position, was very impressive in checking Club attacks and in distributing good short passes to his own forwards, but he did not receive sufficient support from his wing-halves.

At forward, Ellsley, Denyer and Homburg formed a very strong combination, and Homburg, on two occasions, was unfortunate in having goals disallowed. The left-winger, Shaw, and left-half, D. Taylor, were not in their best form.

For Club Divett, and Fowler, were the

GARCIA PASSES THROUGH S'HAU

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Shanghai, To-day.

Sellerino Garcia, holder of the world middleweight boxing championship, left for the United States on board the "President Pierce".

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only prominent forwards, while N. B. Whitely worked hard in defence.

Bond, right back, and Benwell, between the sticks, did fairly well.

THE PLAY

Y.M.C.A. opened the scoring in the middle of the first half through Divett, who converted a short corner. Thereafter the game lost much of its interest, as both sides fell away.

During the later stages of the second half, Sappers broke through several times but were repulsed.

Fowler, netted the final goal from a good short pass from Carey, right-half, just before the end.

Y.M.C.A.—V. B. Benwell; V. C. Bond and E. V. Reed; H. J. D. Low, N. B. Whitely and W. A. Reed; S. Fowler, D. S. Carey, T. D. Smith, G. E. R. Divett and R. A. Bates.

Royal Engineers'—Dobson; Saxby and Russell; Fishlock, Croston and (no left-half); Ellsley, Denyer, Homburg, Shaw and D. Taylor.



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SOFTBALL NOTES

BALL CLUB FORTUNATE TO BEAT CHUNG HWA

BASEBALL CLUB EXTEND THE CHAMPIONS

(By "GRANDSTAND")

Pinning Doc Molthen's ears back for 16 solid hits, including a circuit clout by Fonseca and another by Zinho Gosano, the rambling Recreio aces accounted for Hong Kong Baseball Club 11-6 in a fast and interesting tilt on the Recreio ground on Sunday.

The Walkermen fully extended the champions and both teams played good ball with one miscue each. Hong Kong Baseball Club gave the Recs a good scare with six tallies in the first inning which turned out to be the only frame in which the Hong Kongites scored.

Johnny Alvares started shakily in the initial frame to allow three hits four walks and two wild pitches, but was able to pick up his stride in the remaining stanzas to blank the opposition in six cantos. Johnny allowed the Walkermen four hits, five free tickets to first and no strike outs, while Doc Molthen fanned one and walked two.

Henry Osmund, the H.K.B.C. third sacker, showed real power with the stick connecting for three safeties in four times to bat.

R. H. E.
Recreio "A" 4 2 0 1 2 1 1 1 1 6 1
H.K.B.C. 6 0 0 0 0 0 0 4 4 1

Hammering Charlie Manson for no less than 24 hits and aided by 11 Emma Gee errors Mindanao was on easy street all the way to swamp the lowly 3 M.G.'s 24-2.

The Gunners only scored in the first inning when Charlie Manson and Dougie Hung crossed the plate on two hits and a bobble.

Davis on the rubber for Mindanao whiffed two and walked three while Manson struck out none and walked five.

Longest hits of the fray was a three-bagger by "Paintpot" Thomas and another by Davis.

Charlie Thomson, at left field for the defence, played a good game and his one-handed catch of a fly off Badrick's bat was something to behold.

R. H. E.
Mindanao 4 5 1 5 5 3 x 24 24 5
3 M.G. 2 0 0 0 0 0 2 8 11

As expected the Hong Kong Ball Club-Chung Hwa tussle proved to be the topnotch of the day's programme.

Ball Club was fortunate to nose out their opponents as the Chinese outplayed them on the field. Ball Club booted six to Chung Hwa's two. With the willow wand honours were divided evenly, each team slapping out five hits, longest of which were a three-bagger apiece by George Souza and Tuffy Chinn.

For the first two innings the board showed nothing but goose eggs. In the third H.K.B.C. broke the ice with two tallies. With two away All was safe at first on a bingle and was brought in by Souza who slapped a stinging triple to centre field. Souza scored later on a wild pitch. Chung Hwa knotted the score in the fourth; with two outs again Choy was given a life when Omar booted one at the hot corner. A. Lau came through with a hit to score Choy. Richard Chung was safe at the initial sack on Dave Leonard's bobble at the windy alley. A. Lau scored the second run when All threw wild to home plate.

H.K.B.C. added two more counts in the fifth. All and Frankie Gonzalez romped home on a hit and a miscue by Wally Ching. In the last inning Chung Hwa added one more run. Nip Lum was safe after Joe Bowen muffed a fly at right field. Tuffy Chinn followed with a three-pley clout to score Nip, but in trying to stretch a triple for a homer Tuffy was nailed at home plate to end Chung Hwa's scoring for the day.

Chung Hwa made the fatal mistake in not having a coach at third to hold Tuffy back. For shame!

R. H. E.
Ball Club 0 0 2 0 2 0 0 4 5 6
Chung Hwa 0 0 0 2 0 0 1 3 3 2

In the nightcap, Mindanao, after trouncing 3 M.G. earlier in the day, came back strong as ever to give C.B.A. a 20-2 shellacking.

The American blue jackets plastered "Smudge" Smith and George Fowler, who took turns on the slab, for 15 hits, while the C.B.A. huskies could only nick Davis for four singles. C.B.A. made four errors, Mindanao three.

Davis struck out three and walked one. Fowler fanned one and walked two. Smith walked two.

Cogdill with four hits out of five and George Gurevitch's three hits in three times to the plate topped the batting list of the fray.

R. H. E.
Mindanao 5 5 3 3 0 2 x 20 20 3
C.B.A. 0 1 1 0 0 0 0 2 8 4

SCORES AT A GLANCE:

MEN'S
Recreio "A" 11, Hong Kong Baseball Club 6.
Mindanao 24, 3 M.G. 2.
Hong Kong Ball Club 4, Chung Hwa 3.
Mindanao 20, C.B.A. 2.
GIRLS'
Recreio 9, Baby Panthers 5.
Wahoos 19, Cubs 15.
Canadian Chinese 11, Hong Kong Ball Club 3.
Wildcats 16, Cardinals 14.

KEEN GIRLS' GAMES

(By "GRANDSTAND")

Playing on their home ground the Ramblerettes of Club de Recreio took the long end of a 9-5 count from the Baby Panthers. Both teams played heads up ball, but four costly errors made by the Panthers to Recreio's two, told the story! The game was interesting and exciting in spots.

Anna Noronha, Recreio's first string flinger, and Irene Tavares, Panthers' mainstay, faught it out on the mound. Anna conceded 10 hits and fanned two, while Irene was nicked for nine hits and struck out three.

With the score 5-4 in the fourth in favour of Recreio femmes it did not look so bad for Panthers, but the Ramblerettes garnered two more in the sixth and another two in the last frame to salt the game away. Panthers could only score one run in the remaining three innings.

Margaret Oliveira again distinguished herself at the windy alley taking seven chances with nary an error.

Celeste Marques, of Panthers, took batting honours with four hits in the same number of trips to the plate, while M. Campos and Ding Dong Lopes were both good for a two-bagger apiece for the longest hits of the game.

R. H. E.
Recreio Gals 2 1 1 1 0 2 2 9 9 2
Panthers 2 0 0 2 0 1 0 5 10 4

Over confident of taking Bill "Scoop" Smith's Bruins to town Coach Hal Winglee of the Wahoos almost swallowed his heart in the opening game of a triple bill at Prince Edward Road. Wahoos just managed to top the Cubs 19-15.

Rozy started on the mound for the green-shirted owls and, before Hal Winglee was aware of his predicament, eight Cubs had crossed the plate on six walks, a hit and wild pitch off Rozy, and still none out!

"This won't do" said Hal, and Rozy was yanked in favour of their star chucker, Therese Noronha. "That's better now" retorted Coach Winglee, "Next time I won't take any more chances". Coach Smith's hopes dwindled as the game progressed! Wahoos settled down to business, scoring in all innings except the last, to add up 19 while the down-hearted Bruins could only add seven runs to the eight Rozy gave them.

Therese Noronha fanned seven bruins and walked five and Grandma Hutchinson went the full route on the mound for Cubs. She struck out one and issued six passes to first. Jackie Anderson batted 1,000 in five times up.

Jeanne Yolle and sister Yvonne divided batting honours with a double apiece.

R. H. E.
Wahoos 4 5 5 4 1 0 x 19 17 5
Cubs 1 1 0 0 3 1 0 15 7 8

Featured by ten Annie Oakleys issued by Lily "Sunshine" Mar and seven runs earned off her, Wildcats had another scare although emerging victorious in a 16-14 count against Cardinals.

Hitting was kept low on both sides. Wildcats connected for ten safeties off Babida and the Redbirds touched Lily for six blows. A homer and a double by Doris Mar, a triple by Mary Mar and a double by Ella Chinn were the longest clouts of the fracas.

R. H. E.
Wildcats 4 0 3 0 4 2 3 16 10 6
Cardinals 0 0 1 0 3 1 1 14 6 11

Tight for four innings the poor Ball Girls went to pieces in the last three frames to give the game away to the Canadian Chinese. The final count was 11-3.

Thelma Collaco pitched a good game but the support her teammates gave her was heart-breaking. She fanned seven and walked two. Mary Louie hurled perfectly for the "Canucks," striking out seven, giving four passes to first and only allowing three hits.

R. H. E.
Canadian Chinese 1 0 0 0 2 3 5 11 10 2
Ball Girls 0 1 0 0 1 0 1 3 3 8

J. H. Duke, R. C. C. junior opening bowler, returned by a British sportsman from overseas yesterday. Other players opening bowlers, left-handed W. L. McKenzie, returned a few days ago.

LEAGUE BADMINTON

ST. JOHN'S TEAM MAKE NO MISTAKE AGAINST RECREIO

ST. JOHN'S GAVE A striking demonstration of their strength at King's Park last night when they trounced the highly-fancied Recreio team in "B" Division to the tune of 9 games to nil.

The merit of this performance will be appreciated even better when it is taken into consideration that among the Recreio team were at least three players who have represented the senior team and have done quite well in that class of badminton.

Henry Eardley, former Shanghai champion, yesterday touched his best form to win three games in partnership with R. Beavan, who has improved considerably from last season. Eardley's smashing was very good and his great reach enabled him to position himself further in from the baseline when playing back than the normal person. Result was, any attempts to lob him were futile and he had far less of the court to cover.

David and Frank Kwok were the best St. John's pair, their speed in covering court, fine retrieving and tenacity making them most difficult to beat outright.

Smith and Wilson were a trifle shaky at the outset but improved considerably later.

Most disappointing home pair were A. E. Xavier and A. M. Rodrigues, who, on paper, should have met with most success. They were never able to get their strokes in working order nor could they get together as a combination, the speed of the opposition appearing to demoralise them.

Other two pairs tried very hard and revealed some very nice strokes. Proving inferior in the matter of understanding and combination, however, they were unable to win a game.

K.C.C. EXPERIMENT

Kowloon Cricket Club, visiting St. Andrew's, split up the Wynter-Blyth-Fisher combination in an effort to distribute their strength. Fisher played with his old partner of Free Lances days, J. L. Anderson, and although this pair only lost one game, Wynter-Blyth, playing with Kevan, was unsuccessful.

J. Jones, making his debut in partnership with T. A. Madar, was beaten badly on each occasion and was only able to win 9 aces throughout the evening.

ST. TERESA'S WIN EASILY

As anticipated, St. Teresa's had little difficulty in beating Victoria Recreation Club, only two games being played. Victoria's only win was a 2-1 victory over the St. Andrew's team.

St. John's v Recreio

At King's Park, St. John's beat Recreio by 9 games to nil.

N. Beltrao and P. Yvanovich (Recreio).

lost to H. Eardley and R. Beavan 15-21

lost to N. Smith and P. Wilson 15-21

lost to F. Kwok and D. Kwok 7-21

A. E. Xavier and A. M. Rodrigues (Recreio).

lost to Eardley and Beavan 11-21

lost to Smith and Wilson 4-21

lost to Kwok and Kwok 5-21

H. Goncalves and R. A. Marques (Recreio).

lost to Eardley and Beavan 15-21

lost to Smith and Wilson 14-21

lost to Kwok and Kwok 6-21

St. Andrew's v K.C.C.

At St. Andrew's Church Hall, St. Andrew's beat Kowloon Cricket Club by games to 2.

W. M. Gillies and A. E. P. Guest (St. Andrew's).

beat F. Jones and T. Madar 21-6

beat Kevan and T. Wynter-Blyth 21-17

lost to J. L. Anderson and A. L. Fisher 14-21

A. E. Brown and A. S. Bliss (St. Andrew's).

beat Jones and Madar 21-1

beat Kevan and Wynter-Blyth 12-17

lost to Anderson and Fisher 11-21

E. F. Fincher and H. Kew (St. Andrew's).

beat Jones and Madar 21-2

beat Kevan and Wynter-Blyth 21-2

beat Anderson and Fisher 21-11

St. Teresa's v V.R.C.

At Kowloon Tong, St. Teresa's beat Victoria Recreation Club by 8 games to 1.

O. Arculli and S. A. Rumjahn (V.R.C.).

lost to P. Lo and Joseph Tsang 12-21

lost to John Teen and F. Tsang 8-21

beat Austin Ho and J. Tang 21-5

P. M. Xavier and F. Castro (V.R.C.).

lost to Lo and Tsang 10-21

lost to Teen and Tsang 22-24

lost to Ho and Tang 15-21

P. Gutierrez and A. K. Rumjahn (V.R.C.).

lost to Lo and Tsang 15-21

lost to Teen and Tsang 14-21

lost to Ho and Tsang 6-21

LEAGUE TABLE

	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
King's College	4	4	0	0	27	8
St. Teresa's	4	3	1	0	24	7
St. John's	2	2	0	15	3	4
Kowloon Tong	4	2	2	17	10	4
Recreio	2	1	1	2	11	3
St. Andrew's	4	1	3	15	27	2
K. C. C.	4	0	4	9	27	0
V. R. C.	2	0	2	5	15	0

Aitkenhead Impresses In Debut Game

(By "SCRUM HALF")

Club "A" proved much too good for a weak Navy "A" side in yesterday's Rugby match at the Valley and their first win in weeks was by three goals and five tries (30 points) to a penalty goal (3 points).

Club "A" also played 14 men throughout, Rutherford failing to put in an appearance, but Redman, from the pack, deputised very ably.

Aitkenhead made a very impressive debut as a centre threequarter, taking the ball at speed, showing a safe pair of hands and having an eye for an opening. His aggressive tactics surprised his own side as much as Navy and the result was he was not always

well supported. Once he settles down—he is not yet fully fit—he should be in the running for a place in the first fifteen.

P. Wilson showed a fine turn of speed on the wing, and one of his tries was the result of a short dash down the wing and then a diagonal run for a score on the other side of the field. Godfrey and Heasman were outstanding at forward.

Davis hooked well for Navy, but Chapman lost any advantage gained by inexperienced play at scrum-half.

Lavalle, Stoker, Van Leeuwen, Aitkenhead and Wilson scored tries, three of which Richardson converted, to give Club an interval lead of 21-0. In the second half Jeffries kicked a penalty

goal and Wilson, Godfrey and Lavalle scored unconverted tries for Club. Club "A"—Taylor, Wilson, Lavalle, Aitkenhead and Van Leeuwen; D. Hynes and Redman; Stoker, Burford, Heasman, King, Benn, Godfrey and Richardson.

Navy "A"—Snell, Jeffries, Teare, Richards and Addis; O'Riordan and Chapman; Marston, Davis, Inglis, Longmuir, Barlow, Charles, Jones and Murray, Jones.

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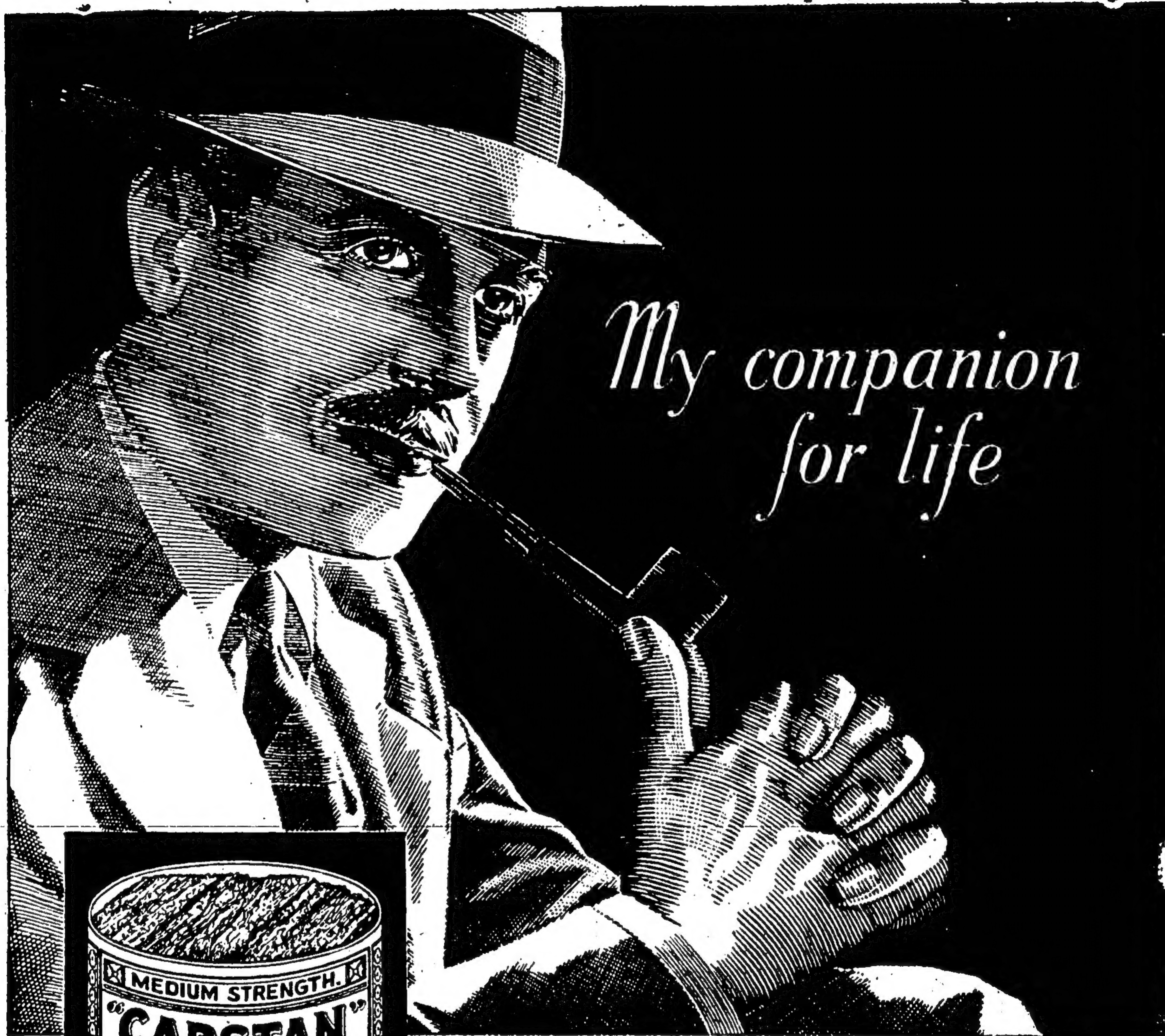
Though Army will have Ridsdale back at forward on Saturday, I hear there is a possibility that Skipworth, May and Beddow may not be available. If this is correct Boe, Artingstall and Page are likely to be reinstated.

MILLS WINS SWEEPSTAKE EVENT

The following were the results of a sweepstake race held by the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club yesterday over a distance of 6.6 miles:

	Finished	Pos.
Gull	16.22.28	1
(A. O. G. Mills).		
Isobel	16.33.16	2
(Major Seagram).		
True Blue	16.33.45	3
(Miss H. Crawhall Wilson).		
Jean	16.34.39	4
(Capt. G. E. Neve).		

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			N.	S.	E.	W.			
1	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2759	Adjoining New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2681, Castle Peak Road.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	About 6,720	\$2	\$4,720
			As per sale plan						

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PUBLIC AUCTION

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 8th day of January, 1940, at 8 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Ma Tau Kok, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in Square feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
1	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2759	Adjoining New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2681, Castle Peak Road.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	About 2,470	\$2	\$4,720
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H.E. The Governor has graciously consented to open the Show at 2.30 p.m. on January 6th, 1940.

Prizes will be distributed by J. Barrow, Esq., District Officer, Northern District at 2.30 p.m. on January 7th, 1940.

Concession rates kindly granted by the Kowloon-Canton Railway for visitors to the Show on the 10 a.m., 12 noon and 1.30 trains from Kowloon, and any train from Fanling after 1.00 p.m. on both days:—

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The King wired: "I foresee with the greatest confidence a common French and British victory which will enable our countries fully to enjoy the benefits of peace, untroubled by threats and violence."

President Lebrun replied: "France, Britain and the British Dominions are equally resolved to put an end to the criminal aggression which has thrown so many innocent people into mourning and slavery."

"I am deeply convinced that our joint efforts will lead to the common victory and will assure Europe a peaceful and happy future."—Havas.

EIRE DECLARES WAR ON I.R.A.

Dublin, To-day.

In the Dail yesterday, measures for the suppression of I.R.A. were debated following a speech by Mr. de Valera, in which he demanded almost dictatorial powers to enable the government to deal with the situation. —Reuter.

MR. ATTLEE TOURING FRONT LINES

London, To-day.

Mr. C. R. Attlee, Leader of the Opposition in the House of Commons, is touring the lines of the B.E.F. in France and was yesterday the guest of General Lord Gort at G.H.Q. —Reuter.

EUROPEAN LADY ROBBED

AN ELDERLY EUROPEAN LADY, MRS. HAST, OF NO. 3, PRATT AVENUE, WAS THE VICTIM OF TWO YOUNG SNATCHERS YESTERDAY AFTERNOON IN FRONT OF HER RESIDENCE.

After her handbag, with its contents, valued at \$290, had been snatched, Mrs. Hast endeavoured to give chase but lost them after a short distance.

The snatchers, however, ran into Granville Road, into the arms of a Chinese constable, who arrested one of them and found the bag in his possession.

At the Kowloon Magistracy this morning Chau Wing-ki, 17, was sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. E. Himsworth.

ANOTHER SAD SHOCK

LONDON, TO-DAY.

JAMES WHEELER HILL, THE NATIONAL SECRETARY OF THE GERMAN-AMERICAN BUND, WHO IS SHORTLY TO BE TRIED FOR PERJURY, HAS BEEN EXPELLED FROM THE ORGANISATION, ACCORDING TO THE NEW YORK CORRESPONDENT OF THE LONDON "DAILY TELEGRAPH."

The correspondent says that his expulsion follows the embarrassing discovery that he is neither German nor American but was born in what was formerly Russian territory and is now Latvia.

Hill is accused of making false statements at the trial of Fritz Kuhn. —Reuter.

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Some hundreds of Chinese refugees are reported to have crossed the Hong Kong border to return to their farms in Chinese territory. It is learned that several charitable organisations are assisting the refugees to rehabilitate themselves.

Moscow, To-day.

It is announced that the Council of People Commissars has decided to contribute \$10,000 for the relief of earthquake victims in Turkey.—Reuter.

Toronto, To-day.

Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, member of the British air mission, is remaining in Canada to supervise the Empire air training scheme in co-operation with the Chief of Staff of the Royal Canadian Air Force. —Reuter.

Shiukwan, To-day.

Large numbers of Japanese reinforcements have arrived in northern Kwangtung and are in action north of Yingtak and Yungyun. Official messages admit that the Japanese are steadily advancing on Shiukwan.

Chinese reinforcements have also arrived and are being despatched to the defence lines.—Our Own Correspondent.

Macao, To-day.

General Wu Fei officially took over the duties of Magistrate of the Chung Shan District on New Year's Day.—Our Own Correspondent.

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